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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The love of family is at the center of the African tradition, and also has been the religious, economic, and political unit encompassing a wide circle of extended kinship; and

WHEREAS, Families and their legacies of struggling with adversity, pursuing their dreams, and persevering through trials and tribulations are an integral part of the character and diversity of Illinois history; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those families who embody those values and who, through their good works, have contributed to the growth and development of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, A family with a singularly rich history is the Fricks family, which has hailed from Arkansas for generations; over the years, the family has spread its roots to Illinois, Michigan, California, and Virginia, to name just a few states; and

WHEREAS, The first known member of the Fricks family, Clayton Fricks, was part African-American and part Native American and lived in Ouachita County, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, A determined and industrious family, the members of the Fricks family made their living as farmers and sharecroppers; and

WHEREAS, It is known that a gravesite in Ouachita County, Arkansas bears the name of "Good Hope Cemetery", and it is also known that there are other ancestors of the current Fricks family line buried therein; and

1           WHEREAS, Clayton Fricks and his wife, the former Lillie  
2 Warren, were well-known and respected in the community for  
3 their values of hard work and Christian love for their fellow  
4 neighbors; and

5           WHEREAS, Gracie Fricks Box, Grover Cleveland Fricks, Katie  
6 Fricks Alexander, Jewel Fricks, James Fricks Sr., and Callie  
7 Fricks Murphy continued the legacy of the Fricks family; as a  
8 result, the Fricks family has flourished and extended itself  
9 across the entire United States; and

10          WHEREAS, It is fitting that we should pay tribute to the  
11 Fricks family, a model of family values and integrity;  
12 therefore, be it

13          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
15 honor the ongoing legacy of the Fricks family, commend their  
16 love for each other and their pride in the family's heritage,  
17 and extend to them best wishes for future reunions and  
18 historical research; and be it further

19          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to the Fricks family.