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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Herman
4 Hartcourt Blackorby Jr. of Jerseyville, who passed away July 8,
5 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Herman Blackorby Jr. was born December 5, 1923, in
7 Granite City, one of 10 children born to Herman H. and Grace E.
8 (Drulard) Blackorby; he married the former Luella C. Carstens
9 on August 26, 1946, in Jerseyville; and

10 WHEREAS, As a young man he attended Jersey County schools,
11 and entered the United States Navy in 1942, serving in World
12 War II; he attained the rank of aviation ordinance turret,
13 first class, and was honorably discharged in 1946; in November
14 1946 he was hired by the city of Jerseyville as a patrolman for
15 the police department; he was elected Jersey County sheriff in
16 1949, serving one term, then was elected Jersey County
17 treasurer; he served in that capacity for three years before he
18 was asked to serve as chief of police for the city of
19 Jerseyville, a position he held for 23 years before retiring in
20 1980; and

21 WHEREAS, He began serving as a security officer for Jersey
22 State Bank in 1982, and in April 1983, once again served the

1 citizens of Jerseyville, being elected as the city's mayor,
2 serving the Jerseyville community for three terms; and

3 WHEREAS, He served on many clubs, committees, and
4 organizations, including the First United Methodist Church,
5 the Fieldon Masonic Lodge, where he served as master in 1969,
6 and the board of directors of the Piasa Council of the Boy
7 Scouts of America; he was president of the Jerseyville Jaycees
8 in 1956; he was a lifetime member of the Illinois Association
9 of Chiefs of Police, serving on the executive board for 10
10 years; he was a life member of the Illinois Police Association,
11 a chairman of the Southern Illinois Police Association, and
12 advisory board member for the research center for law
13 enforcement education at Western Illinois University in Macomb
14 for four years; and he served as chairman of the West Central
15 Illinois Law Enforcement Commission for five years; and

16 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jamie
17 (Blackorby) Arthur; and three brothers, Cleo, Harold, and Bert
18 Blackorby and one in infancy; and

19 WHEREAS, Herman Blackorby Jr. is survived by his wife,
20 Luella; his two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Connie
21 Blackorby and Ronald and Vicky Blackorby; his three
22 granddaughters, Leigh (husband, Todd) McGill, Shannon
23 Blackorby, and Mindy Blackorby; his sisters, Bernadine

1 Mitchell, Della Shortal, and Marilyn Scott; and his brothers,
2 Sloke Blackorby and Louis Blackorby; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Herman
6 Blackorby Jr.; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Herman Blackorby Jr. as a symbol of
9 our sympathy.