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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives have learned with great sorrow of the death of  
4 Morris Tellerman at the age of 89; and

5 WHEREAS, Morris was born in Novemyasto, Poland, near  
6 Random; and

7 WHEREAS, Morris hated fighting, but as a boy fought to  
8 defend the Jewish people from a Polish pogrom in Przytyk; and

9 WHEREAS, Morris escaped the Holocaust by fleeing to Russia,  
10 where he volunteered in the Russian Army to fight the Nazis;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Fighting in the siege of Leningrad, Morris was one  
13 of only 50 who survived from a battalion of 11,000; and

14 WHEREAS, Later in the war, Morris and his fellow soldiers  
15 liberated the Majdanek concentration camp; and

16 WHEREAS, After the war Morris went to Modena, Italy, where  
17 he assisted the Jewish Brigade smuggle Holocaust survivors into  
18 what later would become the State of Israel; and

1           WHEREAS, After the war Morris reunited with his beloved  
2 wife, Carol Tellerman, who also miraculously survived the  
3 Holocaust; and

4           WHEREAS, The young couple immigrated to the United States  
5 in 1947, first settling in Brooklyn, New York, and then in  
6 Flemington, New Jersey, where Morris worked hard and realized  
7 the American dream, raising a beautiful family of three girls;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Although a very handsome man, Morris' inner  
10 qualities meant far more to him than his outward beauty; and

11           WHEREAS, Morris' daughters believe that he was a  
12 Lamedvavnik, one of the 36 humble righteous ones mentioned in  
13 Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism, who are hidden and unknown even  
14 to themselves, too humble to think they are special; and for  
15 whose sake, because they respond to the suffering of the world  
16 with compassion, God preserves the world; and

17           WHEREAS, Morris and Carol eventually retired to the  
18 sunshine of Hallandale Beach, Florida, where his conviviality  
19 continued to bring joy and happiness to all those who had the  
20 privilege of knowing him until he uttered his last words: "I  
21 love you", surrounded by his family; and

1           WHEREAS, Morris Tellerman's passing will be deeply felt by  
2 many, especially his wife, Carol; his three very successful  
3 daughters, Dr. Judith Tellerman, a Chicago psychologist, who  
4 has testified before a Committee of the House, Deborah  
5 Berkowitz, a Florida intellectual property attorney, and Dr.  
6 Barbara Tellerman, a Missouri radiologist; his four  
7 grandchildren; and his great-grandchild; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 join the family and friends of Morris Tellerman in mourning the  
11 loss of this freedom fighter from the "Greatest Generation";  
12 and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Morris Tellerman as a symbol of our  
15 sincere sympathy.