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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the death of  
4 Dana J. "Double D" Davis of Peoria, who passed away on October  
5 3, 2012; and

6           WHEREAS, Dana Davis was born on September 25, 1956, in  
7 Peoria to Shirley Jean and William "Mecie" Davis; he graduated  
8 from Manual High School and Bradley University; and

9           WHEREAS, Dana Davis began his sports career as a student  
10 assistant manager, keeping statistics and sometimes serving as  
11 referee while at Bradley University; while at Bradley  
12 University, he worked for former Grizzlies' team president and  
13 general manager, Dick Versace in the university's basketball  
14 program; he worked for 8 years as business and tour manager for  
15 funk legend, Bootsy Collins, in the 1980's; and

16           WHEREAS, Dana Davis spent 13 years with the Memphis  
17 Grizzlies, most recently serving as Vice President of  
18 Basketball Operations and Team Programs; his main duties were  
19 being responsible for business and logistics operations, as  
20 well as team programs, but as he interacted more frequently  
21 with players, he became a counselor, life coach, brother, and a  
22 friend; and

1           WHEREAS, Dana Davis was elected to the board of directors  
2 of the National Civil Rights Museum in 2011; he has been a  
3 long-term board member of the Peoria Citizen's Committee for  
4 Economic Opportunity (PCCEO); he was inducted into the African  
5 American Hall of Fame/Museum in 2007, and was awarded the Dr.  
6 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Service Leadership Award  
7 by the King Holiday Committee of Peoria, Inc. in 2012; and

8           WHEREAS, Dana Davis directed the Mitchell "J.J." Anderson  
9 All Star Basketball Camp each year in both Peoria and Memphis,  
10 Tennessee; he worked with NIKE through the organization,  
11 Samaritan's Feet to distribute 200 pairs of shoes to  
12 disadvantaged youth; he initiated the Grizzlies' Day of Giving,  
13 bringing in Feed the Children to distribute hundreds of boxes  
14 of food to scores of needy families; he has raised thousands of  
15 dollars for worthy causes such as, St. Jude's Children's  
16 Hospital, PCCEO's Senior Meals Program, the Richard Pryor  
17 Memorial, and the Carver Community Center; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we mourn the passing of Dana Davis, and we extend our sincere  
21 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
22 him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Dana Davis as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.