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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 John
4 Walsh D'Arcy III, who passed away on August 23, 2016 at the age
5 of 90; and

6 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III was born in Joliet; his parents
7 were Verna and John D'Arcy; and

8 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III attended St. Raymond's in Joliet
9 and St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul before serving in
10 the United States Navy as a bombardier during World War II;
11 after his honorable discharge, he attended the University of
12 St. Thomas in St. Paul; and

13 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III was an active member of St. Mary
14 Immaculate Catholic Church in Plainfield, where he served on
15 various boards supporting the growth of the church and school;
16 his voice was familiar to daily communicants as he regularly
17 lectured and sang at the morning Masses; he was actively
18 involved in and a member of the boards of the Joliet Franciscan
19 Sisters and Catholic Charities; and

20 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III began his career in banking with
21 the Pullman Bank in Chicago, where he was instrumental in

1 initiating the Illinois Bank Charge before it was merged into
2 the VISA brand; his integrity, drive, and experience caught the
3 interest of several Joliet businessmen, who recruited him to
4 lead the founding of Heritage Bank and Trust in 1971; he made
5 various investments, including in the founding of
6 International Games, distributor of the popular card game UNO,
7 which enabled him to later realize his true lifelong ambitions
8 of driving tractors and farming; after retirement, he purchased
9 various farms and operated them with his sons; he also founded
10 JJD Enterprises and Caton Farms; and

11 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III and his wife actively served the
12 communities of Plainfield and Joliet; he was President of the
13 Joliet Rotary Club, a Plainfield Village Trustee, a member of
14 the Plainfield Library Board, a trustee of the University of
15 St. Francis in Joliet, and a longtime benefactor of Lewis
16 University in Romeoville; and

17 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III was preceded in death by his
18 parents; and

19 WHEREAS, John D'Arcy III is survived by his wife of 67
20 years, Margaret Jeanette; his children, Margaret (Jim) Lacey,
21 John (Diane), Kevin (Vicky), Terry (Sue), Patrick (Kathy),
22 Candace (Tom) Nielsen, Michael (Beverly), and Tom (Sue); his
23 grandchildren, Kristen Corcoran, Scott, Mike, and John Lacey,

1 Jennifer Ness, John and Ryan D'Arcy, Jim, Brooke, and Andrew
2 D'Arcy, Chris, Nick, Harry, and Jack D'Arcy, Beau D'Arcy,
3 Bridget Platt, Brendan and Christian Nielsen, Stephanie
4 Greene, Lauren Crawford, Jeff and Lucas D'Arcy, and Sean, Lily,
5 and Aiden D'Arcy; 16 great-grandchildren; his brother, Edward
6 (Barbara) D'Arcy; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we, along with his family and friends, celebrate the life and
11 countless contributions of John Walsh D'Arcy III; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of John D'Arcy III as an expression of
15 our sympathy.