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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 former  
4 Appellate Justice and State Representative Tobias G. "Toby"  
5 Barry, who passed away on April 4, 2017; and

6           WHEREAS, Justice Barry was born in Chicago to Tobias and  
7 Mary Barry on April 12, 1924; and

8           WHEREAS, Justice Barry served from 1943 to 1946 in the  
9 United States Navy as a combat medic in the Pacific Theater  
10 during World War II, where he took part in the invasions of Iwo  
11 Jima and Okinawa before returning to Marquette University to  
12 complete his undergraduate degree; and

13           WHEREAS, Justice Barry earned his Juris Doctorate from the  
14 University of Notre Dame in 1952 and started his life-long  
15 legal career; and

16           WHEREAS, After the unfortunate and untimely death of his  
17 father, State Representative Tobias Barry Sr., in 1958, Justice  
18 Barry ran as an independent for his father's seat when  
19 Democrats did not select him to fill the seat; and

20           WHEREAS, While Justice Barry was not elected in 1958, he

1 ran for the seat two years later and was elected as a Democrat;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Justice Barry continued to serve as a State  
4 Representative for 14 years, where he worked tirelessly through  
5 several administrations with Representative E.J. "Zeke" Giorgi  
6 for the creation of Interstate 39 as an alternative to U.S.  
7 Route 51; and

8 WHEREAS, Justice Barry finally resigned his seat in the  
9 legislature in December of 1974 to assume the position of an  
10 Appellate Judge in the Third Judicial District to which he had  
11 been elected; and

12 WHEREAS, Justice Barry won retention to the bench in 1984,  
13 and then in 1990, he narrowly lost by less than 3,000 votes for  
14 a seat on the Supreme Court; and

15 WHEREAS, Justice Barry decided to retire from the bench in  
16 1994 to resume private practice with the law firm of Aplington,  
17 Kaufman, McClintock, Steele, and Barry, Ltd., in LaSalle; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor George Ryan named Justice Barry to serve  
19 on the Illinois Gaming Board in November of 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court asked Justice Barry to return to

1 the Third District Appellate Court to fill a vacancy on the  
2 bench in November of 2002 for two years; and

3 WHEREAS, In appreciation for his many contributions to the  
4 State of Illinois, the 94th General Assembly designated the  
5 portion of Interstate 39 from LaSalle-Peru to the Zeke Giorgi  
6 Highway as the Tobias "Toby" Barry Highway; and

7 WHEREAS, Justice Barry is survived by his loving wife, Jan;  
8 his daughter, Michele; his sons, Mark, Patrick, and Daniel;  
9 seven grandchildren; and innumerable friends; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we,  
12 along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of former  
13 Appellate Justice and State Representative Tobias "Toby" G.  
14 Barry; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Justice Barry as an expression of  
17 our respect and deepest sympathy.