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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Reverend Joe Hubbard on
4 his life's accomplishments as a friend to the poor, "miracle"
5 worker, and advocate for justice; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Hubbard received his reputation for helping
7 people early on when as a teenager he would cut grass for the
8 elderly, clean up the local barber shop and a small
9 confectionary across from Jefferson Grade School, and help out
10 the handicapped man who sold papers in front of the school; he
11 had begun a lifetime of caring for others, whether it be his
12 family or anyone in need; and

13 WHEREAS, Rev. Hubbard became the youngest member of the
14 "older men's" St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Angels
15 Church, a group dedicated to helping families and which helped
16 out his own family in their time of need; he would make
17 reaching out to help the poor, aged, sick, dying, and anyone
18 who needed his help into his life's calling; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1973, Rev. Hubbard began serving as the
20 coordinator of the newly-established Catholic Urban Programs,
21 a position he is still at today; initially a one-man operation,
22 it now boasts over 70 full-time and part-time employees who

1 coordinate multiple ministries with the help of many
2 volunteers; in his off-hours, he manages Mt. Carmel and Holy
3 Cross Cemeteries; and

4 WHEREAS, Rev. Hubbard has earned numerous awards over the
5 years; he was nominated for the national Lumen Christi (Light
6 of Christ) Award presented by The Catholic Church Extension
7 Society and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award
8 from SIU-E; he won the coveted Leadership Award presented by
9 FOCUS Saint Louis, and many, many others; and

10 WHEREAS, Rev. Hubbard was born 67 years ago to Olga and
11 Edward Hubbard; his siblings are Edward Jr., Johnny, and Doris;
12 he attended Jefferson Grade School, Lansdowne Junior High
13 School, East Saint Louis Senior High School, and Southern
14 Illinois University; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we are pleased to honor Reverend Joe Hubbard life's
18 accomplishments and wish him well in all of his future
19 endeavours; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Reverend Joe Hubbard as an expression of our
22 esteem and respect.