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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 Joseph
4 Henry Holifield; and

5 WHEREAS, Joseph Holifield was born to William Lovelace and
6 Irene Holifield in Eutaw, Alabama on July 19, 1946; he was the
7 fifth of seven children; he graduated from Carver High School
8 in 1964; he married Barbara Hall in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, Joseph Holifield was a tenacious person, eager to
10 achieve the goals he set for himself; he moved to Chicago in
11 1966, where he worked as a truck driver; he was later hired at
12 Ford Motor Company in 1970, making lasting friendships while
13 working there before retiring in 2000 after 30 years of
14 service as a welder; and

15 WHEREAS, Joseph Holifield strove to be a good neighbor and
16 friend and was always ready to assist anyone who needed help;
17 he was a man of many talents and loved tinkering with and
18 repairing things; if he was unable to fix something, he relied
19 on his group of friends who were skilled in different areas; he
20 always took time to encourage the young men in his life and
21 believed in "paying it forward"; and

1 WHEREAS, Joseph Holifield committed to his faith at an
2 early age, and his faith never wavered; he most recently
3 attended St. Sabina Church, where he enjoyed the sermons and
4 fellowship, and he often watched various televangelists until
5 he fell asleep; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Holifield enjoyed traveling in his
7 retirement years, preferring to drive due to his love of a good
8 road trip; he was also a sports fan and was always ready to
9 watch a game, especially if it included the University of
10 Alabama football team; he also loved watching a good baseball
11 game, finding later in life that nine innings were perfect for
12 napping; and

13 WHEREAS, Joseph Holifield was a brother, husband, father,
14 and uncle, but his favorite role was as "Poppy", the name his
15 grandchildren gave him; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of Joseph Henry Holifield and extend our
19 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
20 and loved him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Joseph Holifield as an expression

1 of our deepest sympathy.