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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 Richard
4 Duchossois, who passed away on January 28, 2022 at the age of
5 100; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois was born in Chicago on October
7 7, 1921; he was raised in Beverly and attended Morgan Park
8 Military Academy from which he graduated in 1940; he attended
9 Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, During World War II, Richard Duchossois served in
11 the United States Army with distinction as commander of the
12 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion, landing on Utah Beach in
13 Normandy and serving under the 80th Division of General George
14 Patton's Third Army; later, he led his battalion in the Battle
15 of the Bulge; in recognition of his service, he was awarded the
16 Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois joined the Thrall Car
18 Manufacturing Company, becoming CEO and president; he
19 subsequently purchased the Chamberlain Manufacturing Corp. and
20 became its chairman; later, it was renamed Duchossois
21 Industries; and

1 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois purchased and developed Hill
2 'N' Dale Farm in Barrington Hills in McHenry County in 1967,
3 which became one of Illinois' top thoroughbred breeding farms;
4 in 1983, he purchased Arlington Park Race Track, which later
5 merged with Churchill Downs Incorporated in 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois, affectionately known as "Mr.
7 D", developed Arlington Park International Race Track into one
8 of the most beautiful and renowned horse racing facilities in
9 the world; he was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of
10 Fame and the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, where
11 he was named one their Pillars of the Turf; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois established the Duchossois
13 Family Foundation (DFF), which has made donations in excess of
14 \$137 million to the University of Chicago Medical Center that
15 culminated in the establishment of the Duchossois Family
16 Institute and has made substantial impacts upon dozens of
17 charitable organizations benefiting thousands of people in
18 Illinois and across the United States through other
19 philanthropic grants; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois received the Sword of Loyola
21 Award from Loyola University in Chicago in 2014; he became a
22 Director of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans,
23 continuing his dedication to his country and to the mission of

1 educating current and future generations that freedom and
2 independence are not free; and

3 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois was preceded in death by his
4 first wife, Beverly, and their beloved son, R. Bruce
5 Duchossois; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard Duchossois is survived by his wife, Mary
7 Judith McKeage Duchossois, who he married in 2000 and who has
8 lovingly stood by his side for all business, philanthropic,
9 and family endeavors; his son, Craig J. (Janet) Duchossois;
10 his daughter, Dayle Duchossois (Ed) Fortino; his daughter,
11 Kimberly Duchossois; his stepsons, Steve (Sherrie) Marchi and
12 Paul (Judy) Marchi; seven grandchildren and spouses; two
13 step-grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Richard L. Duchossois, commend his
18 service to the community and the nation, 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 Richard L. Duchossois as an

1 expression of our deepest sympathy.