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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Reverend Archibald Mosley on his life's accomplishments; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Mosley was born and raised in Carbondale; he attended Attucks High School and was planning on attending Southern Illinois University upon graduation, before being selected for the Marines; and

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WHEREAS, Reverend Mosley was one of the first African Americans to serve in the United States Marine Corps during World War II; he, along with 20,000 other African American Marines, was trained in segregated facilities at Montford Point, North Carolina from 1942 to 1949 after President Franklin D. Roosevelt ended the Marine Corps status as a white-only branch of the armed forces; he served on the front lines during the invasion of the Japanese island of Iwo Jima and, with his fellow Montford Point Marines, was tasked with the clean-up at Sasebo and Nagasaki after the dropping of the atomic bomb; and

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WHEREAS, Following his time in the military, Reverend Mosley attended Southern Illinois University and earned 5 college degrees - 2 bachelor's degrees and 2 master's degrees

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1 in science and theology, and a PhD in communications; and

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Mosley realized his dream of becoming a
3 minister and had a second successful career as a Professor and
4 Dean at Shaw College in Detroit, Michigan; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Mosley and his wife raised 4 daughters
6 together; he makes his home in Pontiac, Michigan; therefore, be
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8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we honor Reverend Archibald Mosley on his life's
11 accomplishments, and wish him the best in all his future
12 endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Reverend Mosley as an expression of our esteem and
15 respect.