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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the life of McGlother "Mac"
4 Irvin, legendary Chicago basketball figure, who passed away on
5 December 24, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Mac Irvin was a basketball star at Tilden High
7 School in the late 1950s and then at St. Augustine's in
8 Raleigh, North Carolina; he worked as an executive for Xerox
9 Corporation until 1992, when he entered the club basketball
10 scene; and

11 WHEREAS, A member of the Illinois High School Basketball
12 Hall of Fame, Mac Irvin was known as the "Godfather" throughout
13 the Chicago Basketball community; he ran the Mac Irvin Fire, a
14 Nike-sponsored team, which has consistently been one of the
15 nation's premier club programs; he had a vision that changed
16 the landscape of high school basketball; he was among the first
17 coaches to take Chicago players around the country to compete;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mac Irvin coached several future NBA stars through
20 his summer camps and teams, including Kobe Bryant, Shawn
21 Marion, Shaquille O'Neal, Antoine Walker, and Tim Hardaway;
22 they were basketball stars, but he taught them about life; and

1 WHEREAS, Mac Irvin created the Mac Irvin Foundation, which
2 assists at-risk youth; he was widely regarded for his
3 generosity to all children; and

4 WHEREAS, Mac Irving was a mentor, coach, and surrogate
5 father to the kids who came through the ranks of his amateur
6 basketball teams; he turned a small South Side basketball
7 program into one of the best in the country; and

8 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mac Irvin was survived
9 by his wife, Louise; his mother; his brother, his children,
10 Byron, Lance, McGlother Jr., Mike, Nick, and Cynthia; and his
11 11 grandchildren; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 recognize the life of McGlother "Mac" Irvin and extend our
15 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Mac Irvin as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.