No. 21A-51

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

ERNEST JOHNSON – PETITIONER,

V.

PAUL BLAIR – RESPONDENT.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Charles A. Weiss, hereby declare that on this date, October 5, 2021, as required by Supreme Court Rules 29 and 37 I have served the enclosed MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF FOR *AMICI CURIAE* RETIRED MISSOURI JUDGES IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER'S APPLICATION FOR STAY OF EXECUTION and MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF ON 8 ½ BY 11-INCH PAPER, including the attached BRIEF FOR *AMICI CURIAE* RETIRED MISSOURI JUDGES IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONER, on the parties' counsel by email and by depositing a properly addressed envelope containing the above documents in the United States mail with first-class postage prepaid.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 5, 2021

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