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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 Edward
4 Joseph "Ed" Klein of Peoria, who passed away on February 2,
5 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Ed Klein was born in Peoria to Erwin and Louise
7 Klein on January 5, 1923; he graduated from the Spalding
8 Institute in Peoria; he attended Bradley University, where he
9 earned his bachelor's degree in English in 1948; he married
10 Dolores Gibson on May 23, 1952; and

11 WHEREAS, Ed Klein spent most of his career working as an
12 advertising copywriter at the Hall, Haerr, Peterson & Harney
13 Inc. Agency in Peoria; and

14 WHEREAS, Ed Klein was a tireless worker for the cause of
15 civil rights and was instrumental in founding the Truth Corps,
16 which later became the Peoria Chapter of the NAACP; he also
17 proudly supported feminism and served as the interim president
18 of Peoria's NOW Chapter; he wrote many letters to the editors
19 of local newsletters and newspapers whenever he felt a voice
20 needed to be heard; in addition, he and Dolores helped raise
21 many foster children over their years together; and

1 WHEREAS, Ed Klein enjoyed traveling the back roads of the
2 Midwest with his wife and discovering out-of-the-way parks,
3 waterways, and small town cafes; he made it a point to keep up
4 with new products and emerging technology and was always eager
5 to try new gadgets or products; he was a handyman who was not
6 afraid to take on household projects, even if they were beyond
7 his skill set; he was an avid reader with a sense of humor, a
8 clever wit, and an insatiable desire to learn; he will be
9 remembered as a gentleman with a sweet spirit; and

10 WHEREAS, Ed Klein was preceded in death by his parents; his
11 wife, Dolores Klein; his son, Christopher Klein; his grandson,
12 William Klein; and his brothers, Dick Klein and Jerry Klein;
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14 WHEREAS, Ed Klein is survived by his daughters, Christina
15 (Pat) Puntoni and Paula Klein; his sons, Tim (Debbie) Klein,
16 Evan Klein, and Marty (Barbara) Klein; his sister, Sue Klein;
17 his ten grandchildren; and his ten great-grandchildren;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Edward Joseph "Ed" Klein and extend our
22 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
23 and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ed Klein as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.