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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 John
4 Robert Power of Jacksonville, who passed away on October 9,
5 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, John Power was born in Jacksonville to Carl Otto
7 Power Jr. and Camille Dennehy on March 22, 1949; he graduated
8 from Jacksonville High School in 1967; in 1973, he received a
9 degree in English from Illinois College, where he served as
10 president of the Sigma Pi literary society, led staff as editor
11 of the campus newspaper, The Rambler, and participated as a
12 member of the IC Forum; in 1969, he received the Paul E.
13 Watkins Journalism Prize, and while in college, worked as a
14 wire editor for the Journal-Courier; he married Judith Susan
15 Fay in Washington, D.C. in 1978; and

16 WHEREAS, After college, John Power worked his way up from
17 reporter to city editor in the Journal-Courier newsroom; when
18 his father-in-law retired in 1982, he became publisher, and the
19 Journal-Courier was modernized in every respect, including the
20 installation of a new press in 1992; he oversaw the assembly of
21 a talented and loyal staff, and under his direction, the
22 newspaper won many awards for its editorial content, design,
23 photography, and reproduction quality; he was especially proud

1 of a 14-section, 200-page special edition titled, "A Journey
2 Through Time: Jacksonville 1825-2000"; and

3 WHEREAS, John Power was an active civic leader for many
4 decades, serving as past president of the Illinois State
5 Historical Society and as chairman of its Finance Committee; he
6 was a former member of the boards of directors of the Illinois
7 Manufacturers' Association, the Illinois Humanities Council,
8 the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois, the
9 Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Jacksonville Main
10 Street; he was also a past chairman of the Governor's Task
11 Force of Historic Preservation, a past president and treasurer
12 of the Morgan County Historical Society, a past chairman of the
13 Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, and treasurer
14 of the Governor Duncan Association; he was a past president of
15 the Jacksonville Rotary Club, a trustee of Sigma Pi Society of
16 Illinois College, a member of the Illinois College Board of
17 Trustees, a member of the board of directors of the
18 Jacksonville Area Economic Development Corporation, a member
19 of the federal government's Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial
20 Commission Advisory Board, and one of the three founders of the
21 West Plains Investors, Inc.; and

22 WHEREAS, John Power was involved in the Corridor 67
23 initiative, a grassroots lobbying effort to enhance the highway
24 stretching from Alton to Macomb from two lanes to four; and

1 WHEREAS, John Power was an avid genealogical researcher and
2 spent much of his time immersed in the history of Jacksonville,
3 Morgan County, and the State of Illinois; he spent many summers
4 working on Chautauqua and looked forward to running the Ferris
5 wheel; he enjoyed traveling with the Rotary Club and his
6 family, including to India, Israel, Egypt, Nigeria, and Peru;
7 he was an avid reader and collector of books, maps, antiques,
8 and assorted pieces of history; he was a dedicated member of
9 Trinity Episcopal Church of Jacksonville; and

10 WHEREAS, John Power was preceded in death by his wife,
11 Judith; and

12 WHEREAS, John Power is survived by his daughter, Phoebe
13 (Steven) Power Googe; his son, Litton Power; his granddaughter,
14 Isabel Fay; and his many lifelong friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of John Robert Power and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of John Power as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.