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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of
4 long-time Marion Mayor Robert L. "Bob" Butler, who passed away
5 on Monday, April 22, 2019 at a very young 92 years old; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Butler served the City of Marion with
7 distinction and honor during his record 54 years and nine
8 months as mayor; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Butler was an energetic and effective
10 advocate not only for Marion but for the entire region of
11 Southern Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Mayor Butler served the people of Marion with
13 strength, wisdom, and sensitivity through many disasters,
14 including the 1982 Marion Tornado that killed 10 and injured
15 200 and a disastrous fire in 1997 that burned down the town
16 civic center; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2007, Mayor Butler opposed the Illinois
18 electric rate increase; The New York Times ran a news story on
19 this issue featuring him; and

20 WHEREAS, Mayor Butler won his 14th election for mayor on

1 April 7, 2015 with 71.8 percent of the vote in a three-way
2 race; on May 5, 2015, he became the longest-serving mayor in
3 Illinois history, surpassing the record of his friend and
4 fellow Williamson County Mayor, Frank Caliper of Colp, who
5 served 52 years from 1935 to 1987; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Butler will be deeply missed by Marion, the
7 entire region of Southern Illinois, his children and extended
8 family, his many friends, and his loving wife, Louetta;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the death and celebrate the life of Marion Mayor
13 Robert L. "Bob" Butler, recognize his contributions to the City
14 of Marion, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
15 friends and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Mayor Butler and to the City of
18 Marion.