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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 Robert
4 Alan "Bob" Mays of Quincy, who passed away on July 29, 2011;
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6 WHEREAS, He was born October 16, 1921, in Quincy, a son of
7 Howard Laytham and Edna Beatrice Best Mays; he married Anne
8 Markley Frank on March 8, 1969, in Quincy; he was formerly
9 married to Alice Porter Morrison; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a 1938 graduate of Quincy High School,
11 where he was a member of the band and orchestra; he graduated
12 from Gem City Business College in 1939 and Northwestern
13 University in 1943 with a B.S. degree in Industrial Management;
14 he served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1942 to 1954;
15 he was a Lieutenant Commander in the Supply Corps and saw
16 active duty during World War II and the Korean War; and

17 WHEREAS, He lived his life according to the teachings of
18 Jesus Christ; his favorite slogan was "I wondered why somebody
19 didn't do something, then I realized I am somebody."; he loved
20 his large family, especially the gathering of everyone for the
21 annual water slide party; his advice to his family was "Make
22 today the best day of your life!"; and

1 WHEREAS, His always entrepreneurial spirit led him to be
2 involved in numerous business ventures over the years; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded by his father in 1923, he became owner and
4 president of Flava Manufacturing; he was the founder of Mays
5 Real Estate, he was a real estate broker with Coldwell Banker
6 Mays Real Estate, Inc., with his son, Alan; he developed Spring
7 Lake Estates and co-owned Valley View Campground and Mobile
8 Home Park with George Irwin, as well as owned Mississippi
9 Valley Canteen Service; and

10 WHEREAS, He was involved in several other businesses,
11 including the Red Carpet, the Open Pantry, and MyBo; he worked
12 with Martin Baral to get businesses into the Quincy Development
13 Center; he had a long career in residential and commercial real
14 estate, particularly enjoying the preservation of several
15 downtown Quincy buildings, including the Newcomb Hotel, 428
16 Maine, and the Park Hotel; he also developed with his son,
17 Alan, Oakbrook Court and Spring Lake Estates II subdivisions,
18 Kings Pointe condominiums, as well as a commercial development
19 at North Pointe; and

20 WHEREAS, He was a life-long member of First Union
21 Congregational Church, serving as trustee and chairman of the
22 board; he was a member of the following: the American Legion

1 Post 37 and the Quincy Noon Kiwanis Club, where he served as
2 president in 1956; the Quincy Museum, serving as president from
3 1977 to 1983; and the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, serving
4 as president in 1962; he was a founding board member of the
5 Community Foundation of the Quincy Area; and he was a member of
6 the Adams County Historical Society, serving as a board member;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, He was a founding board member of Friends of the
9 Log Cabins; a board member of the Historic Quincy Business
10 District; a board member of the Spring Lake Country Club; and a
11 member of the Illinois Institute for Entrepreneurship
12 Education; Mr. Mays was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta
13 Fraternity; he was a member of the Adams County Republican
14 Central Committee, as well as precinct committeeman; he was an
15 alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention for
16 Barry Goldwater in 1964; he was a founding member of JIDC, now
17 GREDF; he was a board member of the Adams County Homemakers;
18 and an original member of the Indian Creek Development Corp; he
19 was a Guardian with NFIB; and a delegate to the White House
20 Conference on Small Business in 1986; he was a member of
21 Lambert Lodge #659 AF & AM, the Quincy Consistory, Ansar
22 Shrine, and the Quincy Shrine Club; and

23 WHEREAS, From 1947 to 1977, he was a Quincy Park District
24 Commissioner; in October 1996, the Quincy Park Board dedicated

1 Bob Mays Park on North 18th Street in his honor; he was awarded
2 the Kiwanis George F. Hixon Fellowship Award in 1998, the
3 Uptown Commitment Award in 1995, the Distinguished Member Award
4 for Community Service from the Illinois Association of Realtors
5 in 1991, and the Outstanding Realtor Career Award by the Quincy
6 Association of Realtors in 1996; and

7 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his
8 brother, Captain USAAF Richard Best Mays, missing in action
9 December 22, 1943; and his former wife, Alice Porter Morrison
10 Mays; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert Mays is survived by his wife, Anne; his
12 children, Richard Mays, Alan (Joan) Mays, former State
13 Representative Jeffrey (Lori) Mays, Elise Kimmons, Keith
14 (Jennifer) Frank, and John (Nancy) Frank; his grandchildren,
15 Devi Mays, Andrea (Kenneth) Knapp, Joseph D. (Kelly) Mays,
16 Joseph P. Mays, Samuel Mays, Alexa Wendling, Megan Wendling,
17 Jenna Schaljo, Levi (Ashley) Schaljo, Savanna Schaljo, Stephen
18 Frank, Mathias Frank, Sarah Frank, John Frank Jr., Thomas
19 Frank, and Molly Frank; and his great-grandchildren, Kollin and
20 Mckenzie Knapp and Meredith, Jack, and Clara Mays; therefore,
21 be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
2 Robert Mays; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Robert Mays as a symbol of our
5 sincere sympathy.