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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives would like to honor and celebrate the life of  
4 former State Representative and State Senator George Raymond  
5 Hudson, known as "Ray" to his family and friends, who passed  
6 away on February 10, 2012, at the age of 92; and

7           WHEREAS, He was born on July 31, 1919 in Weedsport, New  
8 York and was the youngest of 4 children born to George and  
9 Florence Hudson; and

10           WHEREAS, He attended Dennison University in Granville,  
11 Ohio from 1938 to 1942, where he was president of his  
12 fraternity as well as the president of the 1942 graduating  
13 class; he met his wife Barbara Anderson Hudson in college and  
14 they were married in 1942; and

15           WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army Air Corps from  
16 1942 to 1945, where he earned the rank of Second Lieutenant and  
17 later served as a tester in a psychological testing unit  
18 evaluating pilots, gunners, and navigators for psychological  
19 fitness; and

20           WHEREAS, He graduated from the American Academy of Art in  
21 Chicago with a degree in graphic arts in 1947 and later went on

1 to produce a popular comic strip published in the Chicago  
2 Tribune called "Travelin' Ted"; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1948, he co-founded an advertising agency,  
4 later to be named the George Ray Hudson Advertising Company,  
5 which he operated until 1985; and

6 WHEREAS, He was an active member of the community, and  
7 enjoyed his time working with the American Legion; he was  
8 commander of Legion Post 250 in Hinsdale and district commander  
9 of the 4th district; he was a long-time member of the  
10 Toastmasters; he was one of the founding member of the Faith  
11 Fellowship Church in Oak Brook, founded in 1967; and

12 WHEREAS, He was a Republican precinct committee member  
13 between 1968 and 1998 and helped found Taproot, a local  
14 conservative political action organization in the late 1970s;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, He was first elected to the Illinois House of  
17 Representatives in 1970, where he served from 1971 to 1986; he  
18 was later elected to the Illinois Senate, serving from 1986 to  
19 1994; and

20 WHEREAS, His work for the people of Illinois over a span of  
21 22 years earned him numerous awards for his legislative

1 achievements from such organizations as the Heritage  
2 Foundation, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Farm Bureau, and  
3 Caterpillar, Inc.; and

4 WHEREAS, George "Ray" Hudson will be dearly missed by his  
5 children, Susan, Richard, and Robert; his 9 grandchildren; his  
6 15 great-grandchildren; his nephew, Robert; and his niece,  
7 Margaret; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we honor and celebrate, along with his family, friends, and the  
11 people of the State of Illinois, the life of former State  
12 Representative and State Senator George "Ray" Hudson; and be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of George Hudson as a symbol of our  
16 sincere sympathy.