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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the death of  
4 Thomas E. Harrington, Sr. of Champaign, who passed away on  
5 August 8, 2012; and

6           WHEREAS, Thomas Harrington, Sr. was born on March 2, 1931,  
7 in Urbana to Earl C. and Genevieve E. Harrington; he attended  
8 Holy Cross School and Champaign High School and graduated in  
9 1949 as a member of the class known as the "49ers"; he  
10 graduated from the University of Illinois in 1953 and from the  
11 University of Illinois College of Law School in 1955; he  
12 married Andrea Gunn on August 21, 1954, in Danville; and

13           WHEREAS, Thomas Harrington, Sr. started his law career in  
14 1955 by joining Busch and Harrington; he was appointed  
15 Champaign County Public Defender in 1957 and served until 1959;  
16 he then returned to Busch and Harrington and served them for  
17 over 50 years; through the years he worked with his father  
18 Earl, a founding partner, his brother Kenny, his son Dan, and  
19 his grandsons Patrick and Andrew; and

20           WHEREAS, Thomas Harrington, Sr. was active in the business  
21 community throughout his career, helping to shape the  
22 community; he was active in numerous charitable causes

1 including St. Matthew Catholic Church; he served as lead  
2 fundraiser for the School of St. Thomas More, where the school  
3 gymnasium was named in his honor; he was made a Knight of St.  
4 Gregory by the Vatican; he served on the Carle Foundation Board  
5 of Trustees from 1988 to 1997, acting as chairman from 1991 to  
6 1993; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Harrington, Sr. was an honorary varsity "I"  
8 Man recipient in 1989 and was an Illini fan all his life; he  
9 was an avid Cubs fan, honeymooning at Wrigley Field and  
10 celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary there years later; he  
11 loved golfing with his family and friends and was at home at  
12 both Champaign Country Club, where he served as president in  
13 1971, and Pine Tree Golf Club in Boynton Beach, Florida, again  
14 serving as president in 1983; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas Harrington, Sr. was preceded in death by  
16 his parents, Earl and Genevieve Harrington; his in-laws, W.  
17 Kenneth Porter and Leta Porter; and his sister, Sister Teresa  
18 Ann Harrington OSB; and

19 WHEREAS, Thomas Harrington, Sr. is survived by his wife,  
20 Andrea; his sons, Tom Harrington Jr. (Barb), Dan Harrington  
21 (Marianne), Tim Harrington (Kris), and Steve Harrington (Lee);  
22 his grandchildren, Elizabeth Wellman (Rob), Thomas E.  
23 Harrington III, Patrick Harrington, Andrew Harrington (Emily),

1 Danielle Bender (Ryan), Blakely Harrington, Richard  
2 Harrington, Jack Harrington, Joe Harrington, Genevieve  
3 Harrington, Kassie Jones, Kyler Jones, Amelia Harrington,  
4 Michael Harrington, Hannah Jane Harrington, and Katherine  
5 Harrington; and his brother and sister, Donald J. Porter and  
6 Peggy Porter; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we mourn the death of Thomas Harrington, Sr., and we extend our  
10 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
11 and love him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Thomas Harrington, Sr. as an  
14 expression of our deepest sympathy.