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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 H.
4 Gardner, Sr. of West Frankfort, who passed away on December 31,
5 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. was born on October 3, 1943 in
7 Island, Kentucky to Renious and Katie (nee Harrington) Gardner;
8 he married Jeri Lingle on May 13, 1961; and

9 WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. owned and operated General
10 Waterproofing and Construction in West Frankfort for 42 years;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. enjoyed bowling, reading,
13 hunting, and fishing; he was on the West Frankfort Park Board
14 for over 26 years and started the Junior Wrestling Club program
15 in West Frankfort in 1982; and

16 WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. was preceded in death by his
17 parents; his brothers, Roy, Ben, and Junior Gardner; his
18 nephew, Ronnie Gardner; his nieces, Loetta Volanski and Joni
19 Zigler; his great-nephew, Renious Gardner; and his
20 father-in-law, Charles "Red" Lingle, Jr.; and

1 WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. is survived by his wife of 52
2 years, Jeri; his children, John, Jr. (Nancy), Chuck (Robin),
3 Robert Gardner, and Susie (Deb) Gardner; his grandchildren,
4 Sara (Danny) Tango, Gabe (Ashley) McCord, Casey (Steve) Slimak,
5 and Kaleb, Katie, Keegan, Hannah, and Kassi Gardner; his
6 great-grandchildren, Dominic McCord, Braxton Gardner, Bella
7 and Brystol Tango, and Henry and Anna Slimak; his sister, Jenny
8 (James) Darnell; his sister-in-law, Loretta Gardner; his
9 mother-in-law, Irene Lingle; his brothers-in-law, Gary (Cindy)
10 Lingle, Larry (Beth) Lingle, and Terry Lingle; and his special
11 cousin, Joe (Helen) Harrington; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of John H. Gardner, Sr., and extend our
15 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of John Gardner, Sr. as an expression
19 of our deepest sympathy.