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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 Thomas N.
4 Little of West Frankfort, who passed away on December 8, 2013;
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6 WHEREAS, Thomas Little was born on July 25, 1940 in West
7 Frankfort to Horace and Thomasine (nee Elwood) Little; he
8 graduated from Frankfort Community High School in 1958 and
9 attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he joined
10 the United States Army Reserve in 1962 and served for 6 years;
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12 WHEREAS, Thomas Little joined the Illinois State Police in
13 1965 and served District 9, the Illinois State Police Academy,
14 and District 13; he retired in 1993 as a vehicle investigation
15 specialist; and

16 WHEREAS, Thomas Little enjoyed serving his community; he
17 spent 22 years as a Paid On Call Firefighter for the West
18 Frankfort Fire Department; he was the Franklin County Deputy
19 Coroner for 20 years and a 20-year West Frankfort Lions Club
20 member; he also was a 32nd degree Master Mason, and recently
21 received his 50-year membership pin; and

1 WHEREAS, Thomas Little was a member of the Fraternal Order
2 of Police since 1970 and a member of the First Christian
3 Church; he served as the West Frankfort Codes Officer from 1996
4 to 1999 and was the Frankfort Community High School hall
5 monitor from 1999 to 2002; he was a member of the 911 Board
6 from 2002 to 2006 and on the Frankfort Township Board since
7 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas Little had a love for radios and technology
9 and was known by friends in the amateur radio community as
10 "WA9BOT"; he also enjoyed dogs, going to Busch Stadium to see
11 the St. Louis Cardinals play, and visiting Gulf Shores,
12 Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas Little was preceded in death by his
14 parents; and

15 WHEREAS, Thomas Little is survived by his wife, Judy
16 DeLap-Little; his sons, Justin (Melissa) DeLap and Charley
17 Little; his daughters, Jessica (Thomas) Rude and Shelly Dugan;
18 his grandchildren, Michael Thomas DeLap, Joshua DeLap, Jade
19 Dugan, Ethan Dugan, Evan Kirksey, Kiersten Little, and Hayden
20 Little; his brother-in-law, Gene Forgatch; and his nieces and
21 nephews, Steve Forgatch, Beth Conner, Todd Forgatch, Amy
22 Forgatch-Siefert, and Jay Forgatch; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Thomas N. Little, and extend our
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
5 and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Thomas Little as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.