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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former Illinois State Representative Charles F. Keller, who passed away on January 22, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Keller was born to Loami and Thelma Keller on January 22, 1939; and

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WHEREAS, The Keller family created many successful businesses in the City of Effingham, including Keller Oil and the Keller Development Company; and

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WHEREAS, Like his father and mother before him, Representative Keller carried on his family's entrepreneurial spirit and started many new businesses, including the Thelma Keller Convention Center; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Keller was President of the Illinois Young Democrats and actively campaigned for the election of President John F. Kennedy; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Keller remained interested in politics and was ultimately elected to the Illinois House of Representatives; he was reelected for five consecutive terms;

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2 WHEREAS, Friends and members of the community knew
3 Representative Keller as a kind and generous man; along with
4 his wife, he spent a year in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina, where
5 he helped the local people; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Keller and his family hosted
7 German exchange student, Uwe Blab, who helped to lead the
8 Effingham High School basketball team to second place at the
9 state tournament in 1980; he then returned to Germany, where he
10 played professional basketball; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Keller retained his love of
12 business throughout his life and founded the Hofbrauhaus German
13 restaurant and brewery in his later years; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Keller is survived by his wife,
15 Doris Jean Keller, and their children; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of former Illinois State Representative
19 Charles Keller and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Representative Keller as an
3 expression of our deepest sympathy.