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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 Representative Gale Schisler of London Mills, who passed away on February 2, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler was born to Claire D. and Doris A. (Jacobs) Schisler in Indian Point Township in Knox County on March 2, 1933; he attended Indian Point School, a one-room school house, through eighth grade and later graduated from Abingdon High School in 1951; he married Carolyn Cochran in November 1957, and together, they had three children; after the couple divorced in 1977, Rep. Schisler married Gloria Waller Richter in Springfield on July 26, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler served in the Air Force for four years; after, he earned degrees from Western Illinois University and Northeast Missouri State Teachers College; he went on to teach, coach, and serve as a principal at London Mills Junior High School, where he was well liked by all his students; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler was a democrat who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1964; he served one term representing the people of the Quad Cities and Galesburg areas;

1 while in office, he served on the Science and Aeronautics
2 committee and the sub-committee on Manned Space Flight; and

3 WHEREAS, After serving in the U.S. House and returning to
4 Illinois, Governor Otto Kerner asked Rep. Schisler to head the
5 Office of Intergovernmental Cooperation; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler was elected to the Illinois General
7 Assembly and served from 1968 through 1980; he was chairman of
8 the Agriculture committee, as well as serving on the Education,
9 Financial Institutions, and Conservation committees; in 1980,
10 he became an assistant to the director of the State's Attorneys
11 Appellate Commission and retired in 1986; and

12 WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler belonged to the Former Members of
13 Congress, the NRA, and the American Legion; he was a 32nd
14 degree Mason, a 50-year member of the London Masonic Lodge #808
15 in Silvis, and a member of the Missouri Fox Trotter Horse Breed
16 Association; and

17 WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler enjoyed spending time in Glenwood,
18 New Mexico where he loved to ride his horses through the
19 mountains; he also loved to hunt, fish, and read; and

20 WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler was preceded in death by his
21 parents; Claire D. and Doris A. (Jacobs) Schisler; his

1 daughters, Kimberly Jo Schisler and Jill P. Sherwood; one
2 grandson, Aaron Barnes; and his brother, Roger Schisler; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Schisler is survived by his wife, Gloria; his
4 son, Kurt Schisler; his stepdaughter, Tamara Richter Burris;
5 his granddaughter, Elicia (Justin) Munson; his grandson, Corey
6 Barnes; his great-grandchildren, Melody Barnes, Samantha,
7 Tyler and Connor Munson, and Emma and David Barnes; his
8 sisters, Yvonne Lewis, Jody Dolan, Anita (Brian) Hickok, and
9 Jeri Schisler; and several cousins, nieces and nephews;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Representative Gale Schisler and extend
14 our sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who
15 knew and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Rep. Schisler as a symbol of our
18 deepest sympathy.