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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 Mayor
4 Jon Arthur Simmons of Vienna, who passed away on January 27,
5 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons was born in Goreville Township,
7 Johnson County to John and Veneta (Hudgens) Simmons on June
8 15, 1941; he graduated from Vienna High School in 1959; he was
9 drafted on November 27, 1963, and he served in U.S. Army during
10 the Vietnam War; he was honorably discharged on November 26,
11 1965; he married Jessie Jean Goins in Vienna on June 22, 2012;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons became an auctioneer in 1974, and
14 he traveled all over Southern Illinois to conduct auctions; he
15 loved to conduct auctions and visit with auction followers; he
16 also owned and operated Linda's Tavern in Vienna for several
17 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons served as the mayor of the City of
19 Vienna for the past 12 years; he loved Vienna and its people;
20 he was known for always providing a reliable, helping hand to
21 whomever was in need; and

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons was a member of Faith Harvest
2 Assembly Church in Vienna; he was a life member of the Saline
3 Masonic Lodge #339 A.F. & A.M. in Goreville, the Beggs-Gurley
4 VFW Post # 5222, and the Ainad Shrine temple; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons was an avid sports and St. Louis
6 Cardinals baseball fan; he loved to attend all sporting
7 events, especially the Vienna Eagles boys and girls basketball
8 games; he was always there for the kids and was their #1 fan;
9 in years past, he enjoyed rabbit and quail hunting; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons was preceded in death by his
11 parents; his brothers, Guy B. Simmons and Max Simmons; and his
12 father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Maude Goins; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Simmons is survived by his wife and best
14 friend of over 35 years, Jean Simmons; his sons, Frank Towns
15 (Tashia Culp) and Jason (Lisa) Meyer; his grandchildren, Ryker
16 James Towns and Electa Ann Meyer; his brother, Gary Simmons;
17 and his several nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Mayor Jon Arthur Simmons and extend our
21 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
22 and loved him; and be it further

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