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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 Leslie  
4 Maxwell "Max" Scott II, who passed away on May 10, 2022; and

5           WHEREAS, Max Scott was born in Quincy to Leslie Maxwell  
6 Scott and Verla Benscoter on October 18, 1931; he spent the  
7 best part of his childhood in West Ridge, where he had a  
8 passion for fast horses; he received numerous trophies at  
9 county fairs and other venues before changing his focus to  
10 motorbikes; he graduated from Maroa-Forsyth High School in  
11 Maroa, where he earned varsity letters in football and track  
12 and claimed to have invented the safety blitz; he married Mary  
13 Helen Frederick and graduated from Lincoln College in Lincoln  
14 and Illinois State University, where he took degrees in speech  
15 pathology and speech communication and where he was, as he had  
16 been in high school, an accomplished stage actor; he attended  
17 graduate school at the University of Illinois, pursuing a  
18 master's degree in psychiatric social work; and

19           WHEREAS, Max Scott went to work in the Lincoln State  
20 School for Disabled Children; later, he became a speech  
21 pathologist for various Central Illinois school districts; he  
22 served special needs students not just in the school house but  
23 also in his own home or their homes on weekends and evenings;

1 later, he taught school at Maroa, directed the high school  
2 drama department, and served as the public address announcer  
3 at high school football and basketball games; he also traveled  
4 across Central Illinois, serving small-town kids whose schools  
5 lacked adequate resources to otherwise meet their special  
6 needs; and

7 WHEREAS, Max Scott accepted a job as a consultant to the  
8 McGraw-Hill Book Company in 1966; he worked for McGraw-Hill  
9 for 25 years and moved his family to Highland; in later years,  
10 he returned to Central Illinois and renewed his teaching  
11 certificate; and

12 WHEREAS, Max Scott enjoyed dancing with his wife, and he  
13 was a proud member of the Maroa-Forsyth Trojans M-club for  
14 over 73 years; he liked to play the ponies at Cahokia or poker  
15 wherever he could find a game worthy of his skills; his  
16 longevity has been attributed by some to having disciplined  
17 himself for many years by adhering to a strict diet of biscuits  
18 and gravy, cigars, and scotch whiskey; and

19 WHEREAS, Max Scott was preceded in death by his wife of  
20 over 51 years, Mary; his sister, Bonnie Burden; his brothers,  
21 Winfield and J.D.; and his sons, Maxie and James; and

22 WHEREAS, Max Scott is survived by his brother, Garrett

1 Scott; his son, Thomas Jefferson Scott, and wife, Betty Lau;  
2 his granddaughter, Ellen Scott, and her fiancé, Shayne  
3 Prapaislip; Andrew Scott and his partner, Tia Bertrand; his  
4 granddaughter, Elena Scott, and her mother, Lilia Lopez; his  
5 daughter-in-law, Shari Scott, and granddaughter, Emma Scott;  
6 and numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we mourn the passing of Leslie Maxwell "Max" Scott II and  
10 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all  
11 who knew and loved him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Max Scott as an expression of our  
14 deepest sympathy.