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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 Philip Hackman "Phil" Good, who passed away on February 20, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Good was born in Kewanee on February 7, 1935; he was raised in Kewanee and graduated from Kewanee High School in 1952; he received a degree in economics from Colorado College; he served in the U.S. Army Reserve, achieving the rank of captain and commander of Company C, 338th Regiment, 85th Division before being honorably discharged in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Good joined his father, Everett, in the family furniture business, Good's Furniture and Mattress, in 1957; he became the third generation owner of the family business established by his grandfather, Elmer S. Good, in downtown Kewanee on February 14, 1895; and

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WHEREAS, Through vision and determination, Phil Good transformed Good's Furniture and Mattress into a thriving enterprise, becoming a cornerstone of downtown Kewanee; his pioneering spirit and marketing astuteness revolutionized retail advertising, propelling the store into regional prominence and establishing Kewanee as a destination for

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1 shoppers; he and his wife, Mary Heberer Good, transformed a  
2 hometown family business into an iconic enterprise known for  
3 its innovation, customer-centric approach, and commitment to  
4 the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil Good's dedication to the community extended  
6 beyond business; he generously supported philanthropic efforts  
7 and initiatives aimed at enhancing the quality of life in  
8 Kewanee, particularly in education, and he remained an  
9 advocate for the revitalization of Kewanee through investing  
10 heavily in the community's well-being; and

11 WHEREAS, Phil Good's leadership and innovation were  
12 recognized by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association  
13 (IRMA), which named him Illinois Retailer of the Year in 1998  
14 and Illinois Retailer of the Century in 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, Phil Good made an indelible mark on Kewanee, its  
16 residents, and the retail industry in Illinois, and he leaves  
17 a legacy of love, integrity, and entrepreneurship; and

18 WHEREAS, Phil Good's entrepreneurial spirit will continue  
19 to live on through his son and daughter-in-law, Phil and  
20 Kaleigh Good Jr., who now operate Good's Furniture and  
21 Mattress in its 129th year, ensuring that this groundbreaking  
22 generational business remains a mainstay of Kewanee for many

1 years to come; and

2 WHEREAS, Phil Good is survived by his wife, Mary Heberer  
3 Good; his brother, David (Rosemary) Good; his children, John  
4 Good, Jean (Reed) Brickell, Mary Anne (Bob) Dybdal, and Phil  
5 (Kaleigh) Good Jr.; nine grandchildren; and 15  
6 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
8 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
9 we mourn the passing of Philip Hackman "Phil" Good and extend  
10 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
11 knew and loved him; and be it further

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