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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Emmett V. McNamara Sr. of Villa Park on Wednesday, March 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNamara was born in 1926 in Villa Park; he attended York High School in Elmhurst; he married Jeanne McNamara in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNamara was a great patriot and defended his country during World War II in the U.S. Army; he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater as a corporal; he was honorably discharged in January of 1947 having earned the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal for Japan; upon his return home, he became an electrician; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNamara was a devoted union activist for many years; he was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 701 from 1967 to 1990 and represented the interests of that union in State government for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, In his work as a lobbyist for the I.B.E.W., Mr. McNamara was a staunch ally of blue collar working families and was instrumental in the passing of much legislation that benefitted all of the hard-working citizens of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNamara was a former acting chairman and member of the DuPage Airport Authority; he was a devoted family man, and he believed that if every person would help his or her neighbor, no person would be without help; to his friends in Springfield, he was known as "Smokey"; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Emmett V. McNamara Sr. has been

1 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Jeanne McNamara; his
2 children, Emmett Jr., Eugene, Kathleen Bakken, and Edward Sr.;
3 his grandchildren, Michael, Edward Jr., Aidan, and Emily; his
4 siblings, Earl, Kathleen, Rita Sheehan, and Eugene; and his
5 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
8 mourn the passing of Emmett V. McNamara Sr., and we extend our
9 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
10 and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Emmett V. McNamara Sr. as an
13 expression of our deepest sympathy.