



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Well-known area farmer and businessman Richard R.  
3 Rubenacker of McLeansboro passed away February 23, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rubenacker was born June 28, 1934, in Belle  
5 Prairie City to Rudolph and Emma (Kiefer) Rubenacker; he  
6 married Margarette J. (Jody) Biggerstaff on November 22, 1956;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, His family operates a grain farm in the Hamilton  
9 County area; they are also the owners of Hamilton County  
10 Equipment in McLeansboro and White County Equipment in Carmi,  
11 the area Case IH dealerships; and

12 WHEREAS, Well-known as an area entertainer and fiddle  
13 player, Mr. Rubenacker was an original member of Country Kin in  
14 the 1970s; in later years, he enjoyed performing at charitable  
15 functions and community activities, along with his  
16 brother-in-law, Leo Aydt; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1983, he was named Master Farmer of the Year by  
18 Prairie Farmer Magazine and has been featured in various other  
19 farm publications; and

20 WHEREAS, He served on numerous boards and committees,  
21 including the Peoples National Bank Board of Directors, Rend  
22 Lake College Foundation Board, Rend Lake College Agricultural  
23 Advisory Board, Hamilton County Unit 10 School Board, Hamilton  
24 County Board of Supervisors, Southeastern Illinois Planning  
25 Commission, Dahlgren Township Supervisor, Wayne-White Counties  
26 Electric Cooperative Board, Federal Land Bank Board, Farmers  
27 Home Administration Board, and Hamilton County Soil and Water  
28 Conservation Board; and

29 WHEREAS, He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic

1 Church in Piopolis and a member of the St. Isadore Council  
2 Knights of Columbus; and

3 WHEREAS, The greatest loves of his life were his wife, his  
4 family, farming, and entertaining; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and  
6 brothers-in-law, Lawrence Dolan, John "Gene" Rubenacker, and  
7 John Kreher; and

8 WHEREAS, The passing of Richard R. Rubenacker is felt by  
9 all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 48 years,  
10 Jody; his sons, Randy and wife Debbie (Rapp), Rodney and wife  
11 Carmin (Hunt), and Terry and wife Stacy (Myers); his  
12 grandchildren, Ricky, Rachel, Robert, Adam and Megan  
13 Rubenacker, and Lucendia Adams; and his sisters, Bernice Dolan,  
14 Virginia Rubenacker, and Alice Kreher; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we mourn the passing of Richard R. Rubenacker and extend our  
18 heartfelt condolences to his family; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
21 sympathy.