



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Joseph Ozella, Jr., of Pekin, who  
5 passed away on July 5, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph Ozella, Jr., was born on April 4, 1926, to  
7 Joseph and Angeline Gianessi Ozella, Sr.; he married Marjorie  
8 Dunlavy on October 21, 1950; he later married Karla Niemann  
9 Rogers on July 23, 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, He began his career as a milkman for Sealtest  
11 Dairy in Peoria and then became a salesman for Helmick Beauty  
12 Supply; he was the owner and operator of Ozella License  
13 Service; from there he went on to work for the Secretary of  
14 State in business services, retiring in 1988; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ozella served his country in the United States  
16 Army; he was a veteran of World War II; he also served as a  
17 State Representative from 1980-1982; and

18 WHEREAS, Joseph Ozella, Jr., was an active member of his  
19 community; he served on the Tazewell County Board from 1978 to  
20 1980; he was a former president of the Lions' Club; and he was  
21 a member of the Southside Business Association and the Italian  
22 American Club; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Ozella was known as a very outgoing and loving  
24 person; he was a great husband, father, and "papa" to his  
25 grandchildren; he loved to entertain, whether at his home or  
26 elsewhere; and he also enjoyed talking politics at all levels;  
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Joseph Ozella, Jr., also loved to be on the water;  
29 he had his own boat and enjoyed cruising down a lake or river;

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2 WHEREAS, He is preceded in death by his first wife,  
3 Marjorie, and his son, Jerry Ozella; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Joe Ozella, Jr., will be felt by  
5 all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Karla; his  
6 daughters, Sherry (Rick) Simpson and Candy (Brad) Livingston;  
7 his stepson, Steve (Susan) Gardner; his 4 grandchildren; his  
8 brother, Eugene (Mary Ann) Ozella; and his sisters, Delores  
9 Elmore and Sharlene Homerin; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we mourn, along with all who knew and loved him, the death of  
13 Joseph Ozella, Jr.; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Joseph Ozella, Jr., as an expression  
16 of our sympathy.