



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 Wendell D. Lambert of Harrisburg, who
5 passed away on December 19, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, Wendell Lambert was born on January 6, 1942 in
7 Harrisburg to the late Jimmie Lambert and Ludean (Hibbs)
8 Lambert, who survives; on September 11, 1961, he married the
9 former Sue Donovan; and

10 WHEREAS, Wendell Lambert was a 1960 graduate of Harrisburg
11 Township High School; he attended Southern Illinois University
12 and graduated from the Indiana School of Mortuary Science; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Lambert began his mortuary career at funeral
14 homes in Robinson and Grayville, before returning to Harrisburg
15 to work at Gibbons Funeral Home; he was later hired by Bert and
16 Bob Gaskins to work at Gaskins Funeral Home, where he worked
17 for over 26 years; and he founded Lambert Family Funeral Home
18 in Harrisburg; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1972, at the age of 30, he was elected Saline
20 County Coroner, a position he held for 24 years, being
21 re-elected 5 times; and

22 WHEREAS, Wendell Lambert was also active in his community;
23 he had been a Boy Scout leader, a longtime Republican precinct
24 committeeman, an adjunct professor in the mortuary science
25 department at Southern Illinois University, a past president of
26 the Illinois Coroner's Association, a member of the Illinois
27 Funeral Director's Association, and a member of the National
28 Funeral Director's Association; he was also a member of St.
29 Mary Catholic Church in Harrisburg; and

1 WHEREAS, Even with all of his other many achievements, Mr.
2 Lambert was the most proud of his family; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Wendell D. Lambert will be felt by
4 all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Sue; his sons,
5 Todd (Nancy) Lambert and Jamie Lambert; his daughters, Kelli
6 (Tom) Butler and Bridgett (Clinton) Wells; his sister, Patty
7 Lambert; his brothers, Jimmie Dale Lambert and Larry Lambert;
8 his grandchildren, Nicholas, Jillian, and Noah Lambert, Shea
9 and Hanna Butler, and Jeremiah Wells; and a host of loving
10 relatives, friends, and church members; he was preceded in
11 death by his father and 5 grandchildren, Dylan, Ashton, Dakota,
12 Donovan, and Addison Well; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn, along with all who knew and loved him, the death of
16 Wendell D. Lambert; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Wendell D. Lambert with our sincere
19 condolences.