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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of W. Harold Monken of Centralia on Saturday, July 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monken was born on March 9, 1939, in Centralia to Walter and Wilma (Nettles) Monken; he married Jan Miller on March 10, 1961; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Mater Dei High School, Centralia Junior College, and Southern Illinois University; and

WHEREAS, He was a businessman and owner of Monken Dodge Chrysler Nissan and Monken Buick Pontiac GMC; he was the previous owner of Car City Datsun; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monken was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centralia, where he served many years as an usher and chaired the Diocesan Services Appeal and the St. Mary's Auction; he was a member of the St. Mary's Finance Committee and school board; he was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Madonna Club, Optimist Club, Jaycees, Elks Lodge, and Loyal Order of the Moose; and

WHEREAS, He received the Centralia Jaycees Outstanding Citizen Award and was inducted into the Centralia Sports Hall of Fame; he served as chairman of the Centralia Savings Bank Board and was an avid competitor of cutting horses and earned many awards, including first place at the Congress Spring Spectacular; he was a member of the National Cutting Horse Association and was president of the Gateway Cutting Horse Association and the Illinois Cutting Horse Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monken coached and sponsored numerous baseball, softball, and Little League teams, including the

1 American Legion Team; he served on the Bud Donnewald Memorial
2 Golf Tournament, which raised money for area sports; he also
3 helped raise money for the Centralia Recreational Complex; and

4 WHEREAS, He enjoyed time with his family and friends and
5 was an avid bird hunter, outdoorsman, and horse rider; and

6 WHEREAS, The passing of W. Harold Monken has been deeply
7 felt by many, especially his wife, Jan; his mother, Wilma
8 Monken; his daughters, Kim McMillan and husband Mike and Shawn
9 Hartmann and husband Kent; his son, Wes Monken and wife Elisha;
10 his sister, Carolyn Crocker and husband Dick; his
11 grandchildren, Megan McMillan, Andrea McMillan, Bredesen
12 Hartmann, Katie Hartmann, Jalyn Monken, and Addison Monken; and
13 his many nephews, nieces, and friends; he was preceded in death
14 by his father, Walter; his grandmother, Sophia Nettles; his
15 brother, Wayne Monken; and his nephew, Troy Crocker; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of W. Harold Monken, and we extend our
20 deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and
21 loved him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
24 condolences.