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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John  
4 "Jack" McHale, who passed away on December 18, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, Jack McHale was born on October 3, 1917, in  
6 Philadelphia, the son of Harry P. and Susie Murphy McHale; Jack  
7 married Catherine C. Tracy on Oct. 4, 1945, in Seymour; and

8           WHEREAS, Jack McHale was a 1940 graduate from LaSalle  
9 College in Philadelphia; after graduation, he enlisted in the  
10 Army Air Corps where he trained in Florida; he then transferred  
11 into the United States Navy Midshipmen Class, later becoming an  
12 officer and teaching Aircraft Recognition at Ohio State  
13 University and then the University of Illinois; he was then  
14 ordered to the battleship USS Massachusetts, part of the Third  
15 Fleet, fighting in the South Asian Campaign, until the end of  
16 World War II; and

17           WHEREAS, Jack McHale farmed after moving to the Ivesdale  
18 area, and later worked for the Illinois Commerce Commission and  
19 later for the Illinois Secretary of State for 27 years; he was  
20 a Democratic precinct committeeman for over 50 years and  
21 township assessor for Colfax and Sadorus townships; he ran  
22 unsuccessfully for State senator and twice for State

1 representative, during which time he was the Democratic  
2 chairman for Champaign County; and he served on the Bement  
3 school board for 17 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack McHale was a 50-plus-year member of the  
5 Albert Parker American Legion Post 620, VFW in Tolono, and past  
6 Grand Knight, 4th Degree and Faithful Navigator of Ivesdale  
7 1047 Knights of Columbus, 4-H leader, and softball coach; he  
8 was a past member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church in  
9 Seymour, and a longtime member of the St. Joseph's Catholic  
10 Church in Ivesdale, where he served as lecturer and Eucharist  
11 minister; and

12 WHEREAS, Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his  
13 brother, Father Raymond McHale; and his daughters, Francine  
14 McHale and Pauline Howes; and

15 WHEREAS, John McHale is survived by his wife, Catherine;  
16 his children, Maureen Airsman, Justine (Dennis) Nelson,  
17 Michael (Joann) McHale, Christine (David) Marker, Antonine  
18 (Neal) Thompson, Norine (Randy) Betz, Mark (Melinda) McHale,  
19 John (Margaret) McHale, Celine (Chris) Walsh, Irene McHale,  
20 James Brendan (Karen) McHale, and Jeanniene (Tim) Walsh; his  
21 thirty-five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and  
22 his sister, Marie O'Donnell; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of John  
4           "Jack" McHale; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6           presented to the family of John "Jack" McHale as a symbol of  
7           our sincere sympathy.