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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 James  
4 "Mike" Brennan of Springfield, who passed away on October 24,  
5 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, Mike Brennan was born on August 8, 1948 in  
7 Springfield; he was the son of James William and Darlene  
8 Surbeck Brennan; he married Molly Oakey on April 24, 1981 in  
9 Springfield; and

10           WHEREAS, Mike Brennan served faithfully with the  
11 Springfield Fire Department for 29 years; he also served as a  
12 lobbyist for the Associated Firefighters of Illinois (AFFI) for  
13 29 years and as legislative director of the Illinois Sheriffs  
14 Association for 10 years; and

15           WHEREAS, Mike Brennan was a member of numerous civic and  
16 community organizations, including the St. Agnes Catholic  
17 Church, Springfield Firefighters Local 37, and the Associated  
18 Firefighters of Illinois; he was also a legislative  
19 representative emeritus of AFFI and the Firefighters Lake Club;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Mike Brennan was an avid golfer; his most

1 cherished activity, however, was spending time with his family,  
2 particularly his grandchildren and his many friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike Brennan was preceded in death by his father,  
4 William Brennan; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Brennan is survived by his wife, Molly; his  
6 children, Matthew Brennan, Michael (wife, Kari) Brennan, and  
7 Melissa (husband, Dave) Wilson; his grandchildren, Michael and  
8 Megan Wilson, Tyler and Austin Brennan, and Karli Christine and  
9 Emma Brennan; his mother, Darlene Brennan; his sisters, Pamela  
10 (husband, Thomas) Maskey and Patty (husband, Kenny) Kress; and  
11 his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

12 WHEREAS, Mike Brennan will be remembered by all who knew  
13 and loved him as a kind and gregarious man whose sense of humor  
14 and intense dedication to his family, friends and fellow  
15 firefighters endeared him to all he met; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of James  
19 "Mike" Brennan; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of James "Mike" Brennan as an

1 expression of our sympathy.