WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Gary N. Watson of Riverton, who passed away on December 22, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Gary Watson was born on October 19, 1942 in Springfield; he was the son of Robert and Geraldine Kiska Watson; he married Carol Nail on June 24, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Gary Watson was a lifelong resident of Riverton; he was employed with the State of Illinois as an event coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Gary Watson's passion was his wife, children, and grandchildren, attending all their events and sports activities; he was an avid hunter and fisherman and spent many years as an advocate for youth hunting and fishing programs; he was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinal and Illinois fan and became a very good and proud friend with Red Schoendienst; and

WHEREAS, Gary Watson was preceded in death by his parents; and

WHEREAS, Gary Watson is survived by his wife, Carol Watson; his daughter, Kim (husband, Greg) Carver; his sons, Eric Watson
(companion, Kari McLean), Jeffrey (wife, Ashleigh) Watson, and Daniel (wife, Caitlin) Watson; his grandchildren, Ryann, Kasey, Lexie, Ali, Mitchell, Claire, Mason, Erin, Tyler, Jonathon, Adam, Matt, Katie, Ellie, Izabelle, Connor, and Drew; his brother, Jerome (wife, Kathy) Watson; his aunts, Alice Watson, Virginia (husband, Bill) Kleban, and Wanda Porozinski; his uncle, Jack Watson; and his several nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Gary N. Watson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Gary Watson as an expression of our sympathy.

