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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 Thomas L.
4 Reedy of Lovington, who passed away on February 19, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy was born on July 2, 1925 in rural
6 Lovington; he was the son of Daniel L. and Ilene Smith Reedy;
7 he graduated from Lovington High School in 1943; and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy was drafted into the United States
9 Army during World War II, serving as an MP and bodyguard to
10 General Mark Clark; and

11 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy earned his bachelor's degree in
12 agriculture from the University of Illinois in 1949; while in
13 college, he married Wilma Newsham on October 18, 1947; and

14 WHEREAS, After college, Thomas Reedy farmed in rural
15 Lovington with his father, Dan, and his brother, Bill; he also
16 started judging 4-H, FFA, and open livestock shows throughout
17 Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy served on numerous boards, including
19 the Illinois Shorthorn Association, Moultrie County Farm
20 Bureau, and FS boards; he was a 4-H leader and served on the

1 Moultrie-Sullivan Fair board as president for nearly 20 years;
2 he also served on the Regional School Board of Trustees as well
3 as the Mental Health Board; he was elected to the Moultrie
4 County Board and served from 1976 to 1980; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy began teaching at Lake Land Junior
6 College in the fall of 1969; while at Lake Land College, he
7 established the award-winning judging team and the Junior
8 College judging contest at the Chicago International, serving
9 on the International board until its demise in 1975; he served
10 as an agriculture instructor until he was named head of the
11 Agriculture and Life Science Department at Lake Land College,
12 serving in that position until 1990; he then served as an
13 assistant to Lake Land College's president, serving there until
14 his retirement in 1992; and

15 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Thomas Reedy became a Soy
16 Coordinator for the Land of Lincoln Soybean Association; he was
17 also appointed by the Governor to serve on the Illinois
18 Committee for Ag Education, serving for three years until his
19 retirement in 2002; and

20 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy was a life-long member of St. Isadore
21 Catholic Church, where he served as a church trustee; and

22 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy was preceded in death by his parents,

1 one brother, and four sisters; and

2 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy and his wife of 61 years, Wilma, had
3 three children, Linda (David) McCabe, Dan (Adele) Reedy, and
4 Donna (Barry) Johnson; they have eight grandchildren and four
5 great-grandchildren; Mr. Reedy is survived by his brother,
6 William Reedy; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Reedy will be remembered by all who knew
8 and loved him as a man whose love of people and optimistic
9 outlook endeared him to everyone he met; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Thomas
13 L. Reedy; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Thomas Reedy as an expression of our
16 sympathy.