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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of William
4 "Bill" Perkins, who passed away on April 19, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Bill Perkins was a highly respected lobbyist in
6 Illinois for many years; and

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WHEREAS, His sense of American history enabled him to meet
8 11 U.S. presidents, from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt to
9 President Bill Clinton, and to participate in many
10 organizations relating to the presidency; and

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WHEREAS, He has earned the respect of his professional
12 peers by being selected as Speaker of the Illinois Third House
13 in 1967 and being the recipient of that organization's Lifetime
14 Achievement Award in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, He was a true son of Illinois, born and raised in
16 Rushville; and

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WHEREAS, William Perkins leaves his wife of 60 years,
18 Eileen; his son, Gary; and many grandchildren and
19 great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, He will be greatly missed by his family and
2 friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
6 William "Bill" Perkins; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of William "Bill" Perkins as a symbol
9 of our sincere sympathy.