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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Melvin D. Patton of Columbia, who passed away on August 17, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Melvin Patton was born May 2, 1942, in Belleville; and

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WHEREAS, He starred in two sports, basketball and baseball, at Belleville Township High School, played one year at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, then signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1962; while playing in the Mon-Clair league, he was a two time batting champion (.489 in 1969 and .359 in 1971), and led championship teams at Valmeyer, and became a charter member of the Mon-Clair Hall of Fame; and

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WHEREAS, He obtained a Bachelor's degree in business administration at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, and a law degree from St. Louis University; and

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WHEREAS, He was a teacher at Wirth Junior High in Cahokia, and at Collinsville High School, which led to a position as director of business services at Florissant Valley Community College; from 1985 to 1998, he was vice president of Business and Finance at Fontbonne College in St. Louis, and then became

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1 director of the Sunset Hills (Missouri) Campus of Vatterott
2 College; and

3 WHEREAS, He served as the public address announcer during
4 the annual Valmeyer 4th of July Classic; and he was also a
5 member of the Greater St. Louis amateur Baseball Hall of Fame;
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7 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and
8 Jonelia, nee Becherer, Patton; and

9 WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Candace I., nee
10 Wilson, Patton; his daughter, Kim (Tedd) Bacott; his sons,
11 Deron Patton and J.D. (Tara) Patton; his grandchildren, Ryan,
12 Caitlin, Ashley, J.T., Emma, Brittni, Kaitlyn, Kadence, Beau,
13 and Berlyn; and his brother, Larry; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Melvin
17 Patton; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Melvin D. Patton as a symbol of our
20 sincere sympathy.