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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 Francis  
4 John Taylor of Virginia, who passed away on September 19, 2009;  
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6           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor was born on June 26, 1923 in  
7 Springfield; he was the son of John H. and Edna E. (Taylor)  
8 Taylor; he married Dorothy Loring on November 28, 1953 at  
9 Ebenezer United Methodist Church near Rushville; and

10           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor graduated from Virginia High  
11 School in 1940; he then earned his degree in agricultural  
12 economics from the University of Minnesota in 1945; after  
13 graduation, he briefly worked at General Mills prior to  
14 beginning his farming career; and

15           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor formerly served as president of the  
16 Beardstown Jaycees, president of the Illinois Jaycees, and vice  
17 president of the U.S. Jaycees; in 1961, he was appointed to the  
18 Illinois State Fair Board and later served as an assistant to  
19 the Illinois Director of Agriculture; from 1964 until 1968, he  
20 worked as an assistant to Illinois Governors Otto Kerner and  
21 Sam Shapiro; he later served as an assistant to U.S. Senator  
22 Adlai Stevenson from 1970 to 1980; and

1           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor formerly served on the  
2 Jacksonville Journal-Courier's editorial board; he volunteered  
3 for several water and wetlands committees and advisory boards,  
4 which included his election to the position of president of the  
5 Illinois Valley Flood Control Association; in addition, he  
6 served as one of the members of the 20-member National Wetlands  
7 Policy Advisory Board, which was chaired by New Jersey Governor  
8 Thomas Kean; and

9           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor was a life member of the Illinois  
10 State Historical Society and served two terms as a director of  
11 the organization; he was on the advisory board of the Lincoln  
12 legal papers; he served two terms as a trustee for Lincoln  
13 College in Lincoln and volunteered as a director of the Cass  
14 County Historical and Genealogical Society; he was also a  
15 member of the Chandlerville Lodge 724 A.F. & A.M. and the Ansar  
16 Shrine Temple in Springfield; and

17           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor was preceded in death by his wife,  
18 Dorothy; his brother, Cheslea Taylor; and his sister, Marjorie  
19 Taylor; and

20           WHEREAS, Francis Taylor is survived by his nephews, C.  
21 Charles Taylor (wife, Judy), Henry Chandler Taylor, and William  
22 J. Taylor (wife, Teri); his several great-nieces,

1 great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews;  
2 and his sister-in-law, Mary Louise; 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 Francis John Taylor; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Francis Taylor as an expression of  
9 our sympathy.