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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Clifford 4 Ripley of Marion, who passed away on August 30, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Clifford Ripley was born November 24, 1924, in 6 Moweaqua, the son of Oscar L. and Nellie (Babbs) Ripley; he 7 married Virginia Mae Edens on November 3, 1947, in Gibson City; 8 and

WHEREAS, He was a lifelong member and trustee of Marion Independent Baptist Church; he retired from the Illinois State Health Department in 1986; he was an active member of the National Association of Sanitarians, where he served a term as president and a term as vice-president; and he was named the unsung hero for Southern Illinois in February 2002 for his dedication to bringing travel documentaries and movies to residents of local area nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of AFSCME Illinois Retirees Chapter 31 and Marine Corps League Shawnee Detachment 812, which honored him in 2003 as Marine of the Year; he was a supporter and major influence in the Toys for Tots program every year; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia M.
- 2 Ripley; his parents; and all seven of his siblings; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Clifford Ripley is survived by his sons, James L.
- 4 Ripley and wife, Linda and David W. Ripley and wife, Karol; his
- 5 daughters, Wrayanne R. Flasar, Gena M. Carmen, and Connie J.
- 6 Rowe; his grandchildren, Lara "Jane" Flasar, Brandon Ripley and
- 7 wife, Cassiey, Heather Cronin and husband, Matt, Mindy Carmen,
- 8 Greg Carmen, Brittany Ripley, Ashley Ripley, Briana Rowe, and
- 9 Makenna Rowe; his great-grandchildren, Tyler Black, Kaden
- 10 Ripley, and Karter Ripley; and his many nieces and nephews;
- 11 therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 14 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
- 15 Clifford Riley; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to the family of Clifford Ripley as a symbol of our
- 18 sincere sympathy.