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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the death of
4 John P. Shonkwiler of Monticello, who passed away on July 18,
5 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, John Shonkwiler was born in Decatur on April 5,
7 1933, to Robert P. and Mary Dickey Shonkwiler; he graduated
8 from Monticello High School in June 1951, the University of
9 Illinois in 1955, and Northwestern University School of
10 Law-Chicago in June 1962, with a juris doctor; he served in the
11 U.S. Navy for 23 years in both active and reserve duty; he
12 retired as a captain in Naval intelligence in 1978; and

13 WHEREAS, John Shonkwiler worked in his father's law office
14 until 1965, when he was appointed magistrate of the Sixth
15 Judicial Circuit; he was appointed an associate judge from 1971
16 to 1972, a circuit judge by the Supreme Court in 1974, and was
17 elected to that office in 1974 by the people of Piatt County;
18 he was a judge for 47 years and chief judge of the Sixth
19 Judicial Circuit for 18 1/2 years; and

20 WHEREAS, John Shonkwiler was a delegate to the National
21 Conference of Special Court Judges, chairman for the Judicial
22 Conference Committee on Contempt, member of the Illinois State

1 Bar Association Assembly, member of the board of directors for
2 the Illinois Judges Association, president of the Illinois
3 Judges Association, member of the executive committee for the
4 Illinois Judicial Conference, and was a member of the Supreme
5 Court Committee on Judicial Mentoring; he received a
6 commendation from the president of the Illinois Senate for his
7 contribution to child support enforcement; and

8 WHEREAS, John Shonkwiler was preceded in death by his
9 parents, Robert and Mary Shonkwiler and his sister, Suzanne
10 Shonkwiler Olds; and

11 WHEREAS, John Shonkwiler is survived by his sister, Mary
12 Alice (Robert) Strodel; his five nieces and one nephew;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of John Shonkwiler, and we extend our
17 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
21 sympathy.