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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 Robert A.  
4 Wetzel of Edwardsville, who passed away on January 21, 2013;  
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6           WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel was born on August 26, 1937, in  
7 Highland to Arthur L. and Violet V. (Scheibe) Wetzel; he  
8 married Carol Kemmerer on August 20, 1960, at Grace Methodist  
9 Church in Waterloo, Iowa; he graduated from Edwardsville High  
10 School in 1955, Monmouth College in 1959, and the University of  
11 Wisconsin School of Banking in 1972; he was a staff sergeant in  
12 the Illinois National Guard; and

13           WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel worked at TheBANK of Edwardsville  
14 and moved his way up throughout the years; he started in 1960  
15 as a assistant cashier; he became vice-president and cashier in  
16 1973, senior vice-president and cashier in 1976, and president  
17 in 1981, serving in that position for 22 years before retiring  
18 in August of 2004; and

19           WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel always took an active role in the  
20 betterment of his community; he served on the board of the ABA  
21 Federal Bankpac; he was active with Backstoppers-The Policeman  
22 and Fireman Fund of Saint Louis, the Civic Entrepreneurs

1 Organization, the Deaconess Foundation board of directors, the  
2 Edwardsville Central Business District Development and  
3 Improvement Committee, and the Edwardsville Community School  
4 District #7, treasurer; he served as past president of  
5 Edwardsville Jaycees, past president of Edwardsville/Glen  
6 Carbon United way, director of the Illinois Department of  
7 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and on the Madison County  
8 Bankers Federation Executive Committee, the Saint Louis Sports  
9 Commission, the State Treasurer's Banking Advisory Committee,  
10 and on the Board Trails West Council of the Boy Scouts of  
11 America; and

12 WHEREAS, He was currently serving on the board of directors  
13 of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois where he was  
14 the past president, the board of directors of Lewis & Clark  
15 Community College, and as chairman of the Advisory Committee of  
16 Madison County Metrolink Feasibility Study; he was a member of  
17 the board of directors of Madison Mutual Insurance Company, the  
18 Regional Commerce & Growth Association, The Edwardsville  
19 Rotary Club, SIU-E Foundation, SIU-E School of Business  
20 Advisory Board, The Alliance of Edwardsville & Glen Carbon  
21 Executive Council, TheBANK of Edwardsville board of directors,  
22 and the University Park SIU-E board of directors; and

23 WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel has received numerous awards  
24 throughout the years including, the 100 Black Men of Alton

1 Award for Outstanding Contributions and Support of Education,  
2 the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Albert D.  
3 Cassens Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Anderson  
4 Hospital 7th Annual Founders Award, the Distinguished Eagle  
5 Scout Award, Edwardsville Rotary's International Service Above  
6 Self Award, the Leadership Council's 16th Annual Salute to  
7 Southwestern IL Award for Outstanding Leadership, the Monmouth  
8 College Distinguished Alumnus Award, the SIU-E Distinguished  
9 Service Award, the SIU-E Kimmel Award for Outstanding Community  
10 Service, and the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Lifetime Achievement  
11 award; he was a member of Eden United Church of Christ in  
12 Edwardsville; and

13 WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel was preceded in death by his parents  
14 and his brother, Ronald Wetzel; and

15 WHEREAS, Robert Wetzel is survived by his wife, Carol; his  
16 daughter, Andrea (Russell) Wetzel-Darbon; his son Scott  
17 (Kristi) Wetzel; his grandchildren, Brawley (Lee) Darbon,  
18 Madison Olivia Darbon, Corbin Reid Wetzel, and Reagan Kate  
19 Wetzel; his brothers, Tom (Alice) Wetzel, Carl (Donna) Wetzel,  
20 and David (Jessica) Wetzel; and many nieces, nephews, and dear  
21 friends; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
23 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Robert Wetzel, and we extend our  
2 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
3 and loved him; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Robert Wetzel as an expression of  
6 our deepest sympathy.