1   HOUSE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3   Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Melvin L.
4   Paris of Machesney Park, who passed away on March 3, 2013; and

5   WHEREAS, Melvin Paris was born on December 27, 1944, in
6   Oklahoma City; his parents were Harold L. and Hazel Paris; he
7   married Charlotte Johnson on September 30, 1972, in Green City,
8   Missouri; and

9   WHEREAS, Melvin Paris served our country with pride as a
10   member of the United States Marine Corps; and

11   WHEREAS, Melvin Paris was employed by Sundstrand for 32
12   years until his retirement in 1999; and

13   WHEREAS, Melvin Paris was a past president of UAW Local 592
14   and the current president of the UAW Building Association; he
15   had served on the Rockford Sanitary District Board and the
16   Winnebago County Board and was a former Harlem Township
17   Recorder; he served as financial secretary of the Labor Day
18   Parade Committee and Democratic Caucus; he was also a member of
19   R.U.L.; and

20   WHEREAS, Melvin Paris was preceded in death by his parents;

1 his stepfather, Pat Goucher; and his brother, Terry Goucher;

2 and

3   WHEREAS, Melvin Paris is survived by his wife, Charlotte;

4 his son, Brent Paris; his grandchildren, Kayla and Katelin

5 Paris; his stepmother, Velma Paris; his sisters, Deb (Don)

6 Johnson and Deanna (Larry) Butterbaugh; his brothers, Mike

7 (Cathy), Bill (Sandy), Randy, Larry (Fran), and Allen Paris,

8 Kenny (Mitzie) and Ronnie (Linda) Douglas, and Darryl, Norman,

9 and Timmy (Marlene) Goucher; his special friend, Betty Stewart;

10 and his many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11   RESOLVED,   BY   THE   HOUSE   OF   REPRESENTATIVES   OF   THE

12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

13 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of

14 Melvin L. Paris; and be it further

15   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

16 presented to the family of Melvin Paris as an expression of our

17 sympathy.