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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert D. Bradley, who passed away on May 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bradley was born August 4, 1924, in Effingham; his parents were Esther and Arnold Bradley; he married Barbara Jean Rodd on August 28, 1949, at the Aldersgate Church on South Market in Marion; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Robert Bradley joined the United States Navy and served on the tanker ship USS Platt in the South Pacific until the end of World War II; he was active as an ensign in the Naval Reserve until 1959; and

WHEREAS, After the end of the war, Robert Bradley returned to Vandalia and enrolled at Southern Illinois University; he graduated in 1949 with a degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bradley was employed in real estate and insurance, along with his father-in-law and brother-in-law; in 1972, he founded Bob Bradley Insurance (now The Insurance House), now owned by his son, Clay; he continued to work in business until 2 weeks before his passing, for a total of 64 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Bradley spent many hours working with the
2 Boy Scouts, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and the senior
3 citizens of First United Methodist Church, where he was an
4 active member; he drove the church van every Sunday morning for
5 many years; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Bradley was an active member of his
7 community; he was instrumental in the creation of the Lion Club
8 Honors Day Award at Marion High School; he organized and
9 initiated the first Graduation Spree at MHS; he organized the
10 first golf tournament, "The Closed Open", as a fund-raising
11 event for Hearts Helping Hearts, in which only former open
12 heart patients participated; he started the Chamber of Commerce
13 Citizen of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award to
14 honor citizens who had made a difference in their community; he
15 was designated as the Citizen of the Year in 1981 and was
16 honored at the Mayor's Breakfast in 1997, and was awarded the
17 Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Bradley enjoyed tending his flowers and
19 yard, his white-flocked Christmas tree in his front window, his
20 "Aunt Maude" sayings projected on his garage door, deep frying
21 for all who visited his Lake of Egypt lake home, water skiing,
22 and running at night with his son, Doug; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert Bradley was preceded in death by his
2 brother-in-law, Dee L. Rodd and his wife Ruth, and his
3 brother-in-law, Don Minner; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert Bradley is survived by his wife of 64
5 years, Barbara; his sons, Douglas R. Bradley and his wife,
6 Lareva, and Clay A. Bradley and his wife, Andrea; his
7 grandsons, Andrew W. Bradley and Robert J. Bradley; his
8 granddaughter, Natalie Bradley Winn and her husband, Ryan; his
9 half-brothers, Charles Burnett and his wife, Charlotte, and
10 Danny Burnett; his brother-in-law, Rodger Rodd and his wife,
11 Beth; his sisters-in-law, Geri Robbins and her husband, Chet,
12 and Sidney Minner; his nieces, Patricia Dockery (Mike), Robin
13 Pankey (Robert), Kim Rodd Holmes (Gary), and Kate Minner; his
14 nephews, Richard Robbins (Bridget), Jim Rodd (Tamra), Bill Rodd
15 (Carla), Chris Minner (Carol), Glen Burnett, and David Burnett;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
20 Robert D. Bradley; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Robert Bradley as an expression of
23 our sympathy.