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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, At a particularly critical and sensitive time,
3 James Carlson played an important role in the government
4 oversight and regulation of the Illinois cemetery industry,
5 having admirably served as Assistant Deputy Director of
6 Cemetery Oversight for the State of Illinois and having been
7 formally recognized as an "upstanding leader" by Comptroller
8 Judy Barr Topinka for his "dedication and service to the people
9 of Illinois and the cemetery industry"; and

10 WHEREAS, James Carlson was born in Evergreen Park on June
11 1, 1946; he graduated from Bradley University in Peoria with a
12 degree in economics in 1968 and continued his education at the
13 University of Iowa; he raised two children in Illinois, Matthew
14 (born in 1974) and Tracy (born in 1975), and married his soul
15 mate, Kathy Carlson, in 1989; and

16 WHEREAS, James Carlson served as a professor of economics
17 at Moraine Valley College; he also served in many capacities
18 within the Illinois cemetery industry, including Executive
19 Vice President of the Chicago Cemetery Corporation, Regional
20 Vice President of the Loewen Group, President of the Cemeteries
21 Association of Greater Chicago, and President of the Illinois
22 Cemetery and Funeral Home Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a cemetery regulator, James
2 Carlson served as a cemetery consultant, advising Illinois
3 cemeteries on compliance with Illinois laws and operational
4 integrity; he also served as an appointed receiver of Illinois
5 cemeteries under the administrations of Comptrollers Judy Baar
6 Topinka and Daniel Hynes; and

7 WHEREAS, As a recognized cemetery industry leader of great
8 knowledge and integrity, James Carlson was asked to serve the
9 State of Illinois by helping develop and administer the new
10 Cemetery Oversight Act, which he did with honor and
11 accomplishment; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we express our sincere appreciation to James Carlson for his
15 dedicated and effective public service; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to James Carlson, his wife, Kathy, and his children,
18 Matthew and Tracy.