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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 Raymond  
4 H. Neisewander, Jr.; and

5           WHEREAS, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. was born on May 30, 1932  
6 in Springfield; he was the oldest son of Ray, Sr. and Audrienne  
7 (nee Murphy) Neisewander; he married Jean Baxter on November  
8 30, 1957, and they divorced in 1987; he met Kim Danreiter in  
9 1997, and they married on June 29, 2002; and

10           WHEREAS, After attending elementary school in Springfield,  
11 Raymond Neisewander, Jr. attended the Marmion Military Academy  
12 in Aurora, where he graduated in 1951; after attending  
13 Springfield Junior College and the University of Illinois, he  
14 served in the United States Army in the Panama Canal Zone from  
15 1954 to 1956; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1956, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. started a Raynor  
17 garage door dealership in Bettendorf, Iowa; he then moved to  
18 Raynor's headquarters in Dixon in 1961; in 1968, he was  
19 promoted to Executive Vice President and a member of the  
20 management team, where he launched and managed the  
21 organization's trucking division, Raynor Express, Inc.; in  
22 1979, he became the President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board

1 for Raynor, Kwik-Wall of Springfield, and the Raynor Hotel  
2 Corporation; and

3 WHEREAS, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. was an active member of  
4 the Dixon community; he served on the governing boards of the  
5 Dixon Airport, Amcore (Dixon National) Bank, Dixon United Way,  
6 Dixon Family YMCA, and Wahl Clipper Corporation; he was also  
7 known for his generosity to a long list of community events and  
8 organizations, such as the Dixon Public Library, Dixon public  
9 and parochial schools, the Dixon Theatre Renovation, the  
10 Northern Illinois Cancer Treatment Center, the Dixon Petunia  
11 Festival, the Dixon Industrial Development Association, the  
12 Dixon Public School District Foundation, the Dixon Area Chamber  
13 of Commerce and Industry, and many other local charities; and

14 WHEREAS, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. began serving on the  
15 board of the National Association of Garage Door Manufacturers  
16 in 1972; he served as the board's president from 1973 to 1974  
17 and served as treasurer from 1986 to 1996; in 2006, the  
18 International Door Association named Raymond Neisewander, Jr.  
19 and Raymond Neisewander III as the recipient of the industry's  
20 first Heritage Award for outstanding contributions to the  
21 garage door industry; that same year, Raymond Neisewander, Jr.  
22 and Raynor were recognized as the Illinois' Family Business of  
23 the Year by the Family Business Center of Loyola University of  
24 Chicago; and

1           WHEREAS, In 1993, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. was honored by  
2 the Illinois State Board of Education with the prestigious  
3 Award of Excellence for his longstanding support of schools; in  
4 1996, the Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce presented him with its  
5 annual Lifetime Achievement Award; and

6           WHEREAS, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. was preceded in death by  
7 his parents; his sister, Margaret Bradley his  
8 great-granddaughter, Malia Hammond; and

9           WHEREAS, Raymond Neisewander, Jr. is survived by his wife,  
10 Kim Neisewander; his sons, Ray (Cindy) Neisewander III, Todd  
11 Neisewander, and Dan (Tara) Yanes; his daughters, Tammy (Steve)  
12 Reuter, Jennifer Danreiter, Debra Neisewander, Pamela (Tony)  
13 Russo, Karla (Ken) Shioi, Darcy (Brian) Boatman, and Lori  
14 (Jason) Burchell; his 26 grandchildren; his 2  
15 great-grandchildren; his siblings, Catherine (Ed) Vespa,  
16 Patricia (Bill) Harford, Eleanora (George) Lyons, and Jack  
17 (Dee) Neisewander, Sr.; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of  
21 Raymond H. Neisewander, Jr.; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Raymond Neisewander, Jr. as a symbol  
3 of our sympathy.