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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 Merle  
4 Kirby of Greenview, who passed away on January 14, 2014; and

5           WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was born on June 7, 1935 in Buffalo to  
6 Arthur and Opal (nee Duncan) Kirby; he graduated from Tri-City  
7 High School in 1953 and attended Blackburn College; he married  
8 Jane Armstrong on April 10, 1955; and

9           WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was a farmer in the Greenview area for  
10 many years and was employed by the Illinois Historic  
11 Preservation Agency for 25 years; he served on the Greenview  
12 School Board from 1964 to 1972; and

13           WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was a member of the United  
14 Presbyterian Church in Greenview; he was very active in the  
15 community and was involved in many organizations; he was  
16 Chairman of the Menard County Commissioners Board for 19 years,  
17 a member of the New Salem Shrine Club, Greenview Masonic Lodge  
18 #653, the Menard County Farm Bureau, Jesters, and the Ancient  
19 Accepted Scottish Right 33rd Degree; he was also a member of  
20 the United County Council of Illinois and the Greenview  
21 Community Fire Protection District Board; and

1           WHEREAS, Merle Kirby enjoyed taking fishing trips to his  
2 cabin in Minnesota; and

3           WHEREAS, Merle Kirby was preceded in death by his wife,  
4 Jane; his son, Patrick "Fudd"; his brothers, James, John,  
5 Eugene, and Donald; his brother-in-law, Bill Armstrong; and his  
6 sister-in-law, Susan Armstrong; and

7           WHEREAS, Merle Kirby is survived by his daughter, Durinda  
8 Kirby; his son, Mike (Lori); his brother, William Dean Kirby;  
9 his grandchildren, Landon "Hoss" (Jamie) Kirby, Natasha (Adam)  
10 Bacon, and Kaylee Kirby; his step-grandchildren, Ryan and  
11 Jeremy "Tank" Hatfield; and his great-grandchildren, Kirby Jo  
12 and Milo Bacon; therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we mourn the passing of Merle Kirby, and extend our sincere  
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
17 him; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Merle Kirby as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.