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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 Jim
4 Drozd of Hamilton, who passed away on December 29, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Drozd was born on January 23, 1960 in Chicago
6 to James A. Drozd and Joan M. (nee Moore) Brown; he graduated
7 from Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights and received
8 his bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement in 1981 from Western
9 Illinois University; he married Barbara Goodin on June 2, 1984
10 at St. Paul Church in Macomb; he received his master's degree
11 from Western Illinois University in 1990, where he was a member
12 of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and his Juris Doctor in
13 1992 from the Southern Illinois University School of Law and
14 was admitted to practice before the Illinois courts; in 1999,
15 he was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme
16 Court, and in 2004 he received his Ph.D. in Higher Education
17 Administration from the University of Iowa, where he was a
18 member of the Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Drozd served with the Illinois State Police
20 from 1984 until 2004, when he was elected the State's Attorney
21 for Hancock County; he was re-elected in 2008 and 2012; during
22 his time with the Illinois State Police he served in many
23 capacities, including as Executive Officer of the Division of

1 Internal Investigation in Springfield, as the Henderson County
2 Assistant State's Attorney, as an Adjunct Professor in the Law
3 Enforcement and Justice Administration Department at Western
4 Illinois University, as a Patrol Sergeant for District 14 in
5 Macomb, and as a Research Fellow with the International
6 Association of Chiefs of Police in Alexandria, Virginia; he
7 also served as Special Assistant to the Illinois Attorney
8 General and was a Legal Advisor to the Illinois State Police in
9 the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; he was a member of the
10 National District Attorneys' Association and the Hancock
11 County Bar Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Drozdz was an active community member, serving
13 as a paramedic for the Hancock County Ambulance Service and as
14 a firefighter for the Hamilton Fire Department; he was a member
15 and past President of the Carthage Kiwanis Club and former
16 member of the Carthage Lions Club; he was on the Hancock County
17 Republican Precinct Committee and was an active member of the
18 Knights of Columbus and the Immaculate Conception Catholic
19 Church in Carthage, where he served on the Parish Council; and

20 WHEREAS, Jim Drozdz enjoyed playing the bagpipes for area
21 events and funerals; he liked body building, fitness training,
22 traveling, semi-truck driving, and teaching Criminal Law,
23 Criminal Procedure, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency
24 Medical Technician classes; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim Drozdz is survived by his wife, Barbara; his
2 father, James Drozdz; his mother and step-father, Joan and
3 Gordon Brown; and his sister, Debra Reule; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn the passing of Jim Drozdz, and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Jim Drozdz as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.