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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 L. Goebel
4 Patton of West Frankfort, who passed away on April 1, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton was born on October 24, 1913 in
6 New Haven; his parents were Roy F. Patton and Irene Rowe; and

7 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton graduated from Frankfort
8 Community High School in 1930; he subsequently earned his
9 Bachelor of Education from Southern Illinois University and his
10 Master of Education from the University of Illinois; and

11 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton served as an educator from 1932
12 to 1984; he taught at Logan School from 1932 to 1935, served as
13 principal at Lincoln School from 1935 to 1941 and of Central
14 Junior High from 1941 to 1943, and served as superintendent of
15 West Frankfort Elementary Schools from 1943 to 1946; he served
16 as principal and superintendent at Frankfort Community High
17 School from 1946 to 1960, director of the Illinois Education
18 Association from 1960 to 1970, and superintendent of Frankfort
19 Community School District 168 from 1970 to 1984; he was also
20 instrumental in the construction of Max Morris Gym in 1950 and
21 the organization of Frankfort Community Unit School District
22 168 in 1958; and

1 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton was a member of Second Baptist
2 Church in West Frankfort since 1925; in 1990, he organized and
3 established the church's weekly Men's Prayer Group; he also
4 served as Sunday school superintendent for 20 years and a
5 Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years; and

6 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton was a member of many civic and
7 educational organizations, including the West Frankfort Lions
8 Club, the West Frankfort Masonic Lodge, the board of directors
9 of WFRX Radio Station, the First Community Bank of West
10 Frankfort, American Savings and Loan, Southern Illinois
11 Schools Credit Union, the Southern Illinois Boy Scout Camp, the
12 American Cancer Society and its Franklin County Chapter, and
13 the boards of directors of the Salvation Army,
14 Franklin-Williamson Human Services, the Egyptian Council Board
15 of Boy Scouts of America, the John A. Logan College Foundation,
16 the SIU Foundation, the Real Estate Acquisition Committee, the
17 Public Relations Committee, the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging,
18 and Mid-Continent University; and

19 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton was the recipient of the Southern
20 Business Journal "Leaders Among Us" award in 2006 and the
21 "Governor's Unique Achievement Award" in 2013; he was also
22 honored by Governor Pat Quinn, who declared October 13, 2013
23 "L. Goebel Patton Day" and was twice selected as Citizen of the

1 Year for West Frankfort; and

2 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton was preceded in death by his
3 first wife, Eileen H. Howell Lucas; his second wife, Pauline
4 Patton; his daughter, Joan Colleen Bicknell Hickey; his son, L.
5 Goebel Patton, Jr. (Spunky); his granddaughter, Amy Colleen
6 Bicknell; his brother, Roy E. Patton (Dorthy); and his niece,
7 Jayne Caldwell Border; and

8 WHEREAS, L. Goebel Patton is survived by his daughter,
9 Penelope K. Patton Tippy (Roger); his daughter-in-law, Susan
10 Smith Patton; his grandchildren, Tricia Blank (Bill), Ted
11 Bicknell, Elaine Herzog (Bill), Torie Patton, Gabe Tippy, Jason
12 Patton (Jessica), Daniel Tippy (Dana), and Ryan Patton
13 (Jessica); his 7 great-grandchildren; his niece, Peggy Trapani
14 (Cris); and his great-nieces and great-nephews, Leigh
15 Caldwell, Kathleen Dial (Matt), Krissy Cordts (Scott), Robbie
16 Maze, Maria Deaton (Jason), Jina Trapani, and Cristina Pisoni
17 (Jole); 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 L.
21 Goebel Patton; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of L. Goebel Patton as an expression of
2 our sympathy.