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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 Richard  
4 G. "Dick" Rawlings of Jacksonville, who passed away on July 25,  
5 2014; and

6           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was born on January 25, 1941 in  
7 Franklin; he graduated from Franklin High School in 1959; and

8           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings served in the United States Army  
9 until his honorable discharge in October of 1969; and

10           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings earned a Bachelor of Science degree  
11 in civil engineering from Bradley University in 1971; and

12           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings subsequently returned to Morgan  
13 County and selflessly dedicated his time and unique talents to  
14 better his community, a place that loved him as much as he  
15 loved it; and

16           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings worked as a civil engineer and land  
17 surveyor for over 35 years and excelled as a leader in his  
18 field; he served as president of the Illinois Professional Land  
19 Surveyors Association and received the association's A. "Pat"  
20 Patterson Illinois Land Surveyor of the Year Award in 1999; he

1 retired as an owner and partner of Benton and Associates, a  
2 Jacksonville-based engineering firm, in 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was also prominent in Morgan County  
4 for his unmatched dedication to volunteer work; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings served as chairman of Corridor 67  
6 Inc., a group that successfully expanded Route 67 under his  
7 leadership; his distinctive combination of his knowledge in  
8 civil engineering and passion for the betterment of his  
9 community enabled him to envision and implement this project,  
10 and many others, to an outstanding degree; and

11 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was elected to 2 terms as Morgan  
12 County Commissioner in 2006 and 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was a longtime member of the  
14 Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce, where he received the  
15 Circle of Excellence Award after volunteering countless hours;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was actively involved on the board  
18 of directors for the Jacksonville Regional Economic  
19 Development Corporation, the Passavant Hospital Foundation,  
20 the Governor Duncan Association, the FBI National Citizens  
21 Academy Alumni, and the West Central Development Council; and

1           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was a member of the Meredosia and  
2 Florence Bridge Replacement Citizens Advisory Committees,  
3 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, the Elks  
4 Lodge, the Moose Lodge, Rotary International, the Fraternal  
5 Order of Eagles, Harmony Masonic Lodge 3 - Ancient Free and  
6 Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite-Valley of Springfield, the  
7 Ansar Shrine, the Rasna Shrine Club, and ROJ Court 20; and

8           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings provided graveside military honors  
9 to his fallen comrades as a member of the Combined Veterans  
10 Ceremonial Team, a group proud to honor the fallen who have  
11 helped the living; and

12           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings loved reveling in the tranquility of  
13 the outdoors; he frequented his houseboat at the Alton Marina  
14 with his family and friends; he enjoyed deep-sea fishing and  
15 hunting; he loved the beauty of the Mississippi River and its  
16 long history; however, he cherished his family most of all; and

17           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings was preceded in death by his  
18 parents, Herman Stanley "Bill" and Mona (nee Mitchell)  
19 Rawlings; a brother, William "Bill" Rawlings; and a  
20 sister-in-law, Sherry Peck Rawlings; and

21           WHEREAS, Dick Rawlings is survived by his wife of 38 years,

1 Diane Johnson; 2 children, Monica (Christopher Ryan) Carroll  
2 and Michael (Holly) Rawlings; 3 grandchildren, Jackson and  
3 Elaine Carroll and Nathanyle Loy; a sister, Marilyn (Darrell)  
4 Smith; a brother, Robert "Bob" Rawlings; and several nieces and  
5 nephews; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we mourn, along with his family and his many friends in Morgan  
9 County, the passing of Richard G. "Dick" Rawlings; and be it  
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That we honor Richard "Dick" Rawlings for his  
12 meaningful service to the United States of America and his  
13 local community; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Richard "Dick" Rawlings as an  
16 expression of our deepest sympathy and gratitude for his  
17 service.