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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to honor
3 the life of former State Representative Frederick Harris Rowe
4 of Jacksonville, who passed away on September 8, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Harris Rowe was born on November 10, 1923 in
6 Jacksonville; he married the love of his life, Alice Mary
7 Crabtree, on December 22, 1954 in Jacksonville; he was educated
8 in the Jacksonville school system and graduated from
9 Jacksonville High School with the Class of 1941; and

10 WHEREAS, During World War II, Harris Rowe served in the
11 United States Army Air Corps and served in the South Pacific
12 Theater; he subsequently earned his Bachelor of Arts degree
13 from Illinois College in Jacksonville and his Juris Doctorate
14 from Northwestern University Law School; and

15 WHEREAS, After receiving his law degree in 1950, Harris
16 Rowe joined his father in the administration of Central
17 National Life Insurance Company, where he served as secretary
18 and treasurer; after the death of his father, he served as
19 president and CEO of the company until his retirement in 1986,
20 when he co-founded Rowe, Henry, and Deal; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to his successful career as a

1 businessman, Harris Rowe held many leadership positions within
2 his community, including chairman of the Board of Trustees of
3 MacMurray College, chairman of the Board of Trustees of
4 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, director of the
5 Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, president of the
6 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, president of the
7 Jacksonville Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Morgan County,
8 Illinois, and American Bar Associations; and

9 WHEREAS, When Harris Rowe was in junior high, he contracted
10 polio; as a survivor, he served as chairman of the Morgan
11 County Chapter of the National Polio Foundation for many years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Harris Rowe also had a love of politics which was
14 instilled in him through his father, Richard Yates Rowe, who
15 served as State Treasurer and Secretary of State, and his
16 great-uncles, Illinois Governors Richard Yates and Richard
17 Yates, Jr.; and

18 WHEREAS, The political career of Harris Rowe includes 35
19 years as precinct committeeman, 28 years as chairman of the
20 Morgan County Republican Central Committee, and 8 years as
21 alderman for the City of Jacksonville; he served as State
22 Representative of the 49th District in the Illinois General
23 Assembly with the Republican Caucus for 6 years; he was also

1 one of 59 successful Republican candidates on the State-wide
2 at-large ballot in 1964 and was the Republican candidate for
3 State Treasurer in 1966; and

4 WHEREAS, Harris Rowe served as director of the Young
5 Republicans organization and was elected as a delegate to the
6 Republican National Convention in 1968 and 1976; and

7 WHEREAS, Harris Rowe was preceded in death by his parents
8 and his brother and sister-in-law, Richard Y. Rowe, Jr. and
9 Cranston Laningham Rowe; and

10 WHEREAS, Harris Rowe is survived by his daughters, Sarah
11 "Sally" Rowe, Mary (Joe Racey) Henry, Millicent "Millie"
12 (Harmon) Deal, and Julie Rowe; his grandchildren, Harris Cole
13 Henry, Margaret Henry York (Adam), Madeline Henry, Annie Deal,
14 Lucy Deal, Carter Lockman, and Samuel Lockman; his
15 great-grandchildren, Finley and Henry York; his sister, Sally
16 Rowe (William S.) Kanaga; and his many nieces and nephews;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
20 family and friends, mourn the passing of Frederick Harris Rowe;
21 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Harris Rowe as an expression of our
3 sympathy.