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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of
4 Mike "Tuna" McElroy, who passed away on July 17, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike McElroy served as mayor of the City of
6 Decatur since 2009 and had been a member of the City Council
7 since 2003; he was also vice president of the Skeff
8 Distributing Company and a graduate of St. Teresa High School;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mike McElroy devoted much of his life to public
11 service; he was a member of the St. Teresa Development Board of
12 Directors, the YMCA Board of Directors, the SummerStart
13 Festival Board of Directors, the Danville Convention and
14 Tourism Board, and the Association of Beer Distributors of
15 Illinois Board of Directors; he also held several leadership
16 positions with the Jaycees; and

17 WHEREAS, Mike McElroy was a member of Holy Family Catholic
18 Church, where he joined Decatur residents in a show of
19 solidarity against protesters from the Westboro Baptist Church
20 in 2014; and

21 WHEREAS, Mike McElroy is remembered for his friendliness,

1 optimism, and passion for his community; he was a devoted
2 public servant who cared deeply about the City of Decatur and
3 took great pride in developments, such as downtown streetscape
4 enhancements and the opening of a new police station; above
5 all, he saw a bright future for the city and worked endlessly
6 to move it forward; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike McElroy was preceded in death by his parents,
8 Dick and Betty McElroy; his in-laws, Jim and Ginny Tuttle; and
9 a sister, Anne McElroy; and

10 WHEREAS, Mike McElroy is survived by his wife of 35 years,
11 Lynn; a son, Matt (Christina); 3 siblings, Pat, Tim (Leslie),
12 and Ellen; a brother-in-law, Lee Tuttle; his nieces and
13 nephews, Hilary and Colin Runion, Conor, Brennan, and Dixie
14 McElroy, Byrnes Kenworth, Colleen (Jarid) Thompson; a
15 great-niece, Remi; Hayden Athey; and Greg (Annie) and Maggie
16 Tuttle; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 mourn the passing of Mike McElroy and extend our sincere
20 condolences to his family and friends, the residents of
21 Decatur, and all who knew him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Mike McElroy as an expression of our
2 greatest sympathy and respect.