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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Gerald Hawkins, who passed away on September 30, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins was born September 20, 1943 in Du Quoin; his parents were Enos and Patricia (nee Elledge) Hawkins; he married Ruth Heard of Pinckneyville on November 9, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins attended school in Sparta until he graduated in 1961; he subsequently served in the United States Army Reserve for 3 years; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins worked at Benson's Men's Store in Sparta and for Prudential Insurance before going to work in the coal mines; in 1974, he became the COMPAC director for District 12 of the United Mine Workers of America, where he served until his retirement in 1992; he later worked at Chip Banks Chevrolet in Du Quoin; and

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WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins served as a Perry County Commissioner during the 1980s; he also served as chairman of the 708 Mental Health Board and as a member of the Perry County Housing Authority Board and the Du Quoin State Bank Board; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins served as an Illinois State
2 Representative from 1992 to 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins was preceded in death by his
4 parents and his sister, Mary Gwen Falkenhein; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Hawkins is survived by his wife of 51
6 years, Ruth; his children, Jon (Amorette) Hawkins and Jane
7 (John) Lysell; his grandchildren, Olivia, Calvin, and Grace
8 Lysell and Lauren (Cody) Crowden; his great-grandchildren,
9 August and Adilyn Crowden; and his many nieces and nephews;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
14 Gerald Hawkins; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Gerald Hawkins as an expression of
17 our sympathy.