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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 Lindell
4 D. Blades of West Frankfort, who passed away on February 1,
5 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades was born in West Frankfort to
7 George A. and Marie (nee Kane) Blades on September 14, 1944; he
8 graduated from Frankfort Community High School in 1963 and
9 married Shelia Kay Foster in Rosiclare on October 3, 1964; and

10 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades worked, along with other family
11 members, at Benton Bakery in Benton and Table Pride Bakery in
12 West Frankfort; later, his family opened Blades' Bakery in West
13 Frankfort; he also worked as a line inspector for Norge in
14 Herrin for 11 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades attended the Police Training
16 Institute at Rend Lake College; he received his law enforcement
17 certification and began his long career with law enforcement in
18 1975 as a Patrolman with the West Frankfort Police Department;
19 during his career, he was awarded the Medal of Valor from the
20 Department; he achieved the rank of Lieutenant, and, in 1979,
21 he became the Chief of Police; he continued as Chief for most
22 of the next 18 years until his retirement in 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Lindell Blades helped care
2 for his wife, Shelia, until she passed away; after her death,
3 he started over-the-road truck driving for a short time; in
4 2002, he began working security at John A. Logan College in
5 Carterville; and

6 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades married Johnnie Martha Whittkamp
7 in Galatia on June 25, 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades was a member of Fellowship Baptist
9 Church of Galatia and a member of Frankfort No. 567 Masonic
10 Lodge of West Frankfort, where he served as Past Master; he was
11 a member of the Illinois Police Association and served as
12 President of the West Frankfort Police Association; he also
13 served on the Police Pension Board for 30 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades organized many country music
15 fundraisers for the West Frankfort Police Association to help
16 with the purchase of equipment for the police auxiliary; he
17 served as a judge for the Boy Scout Soap Box Derby, raised
18 money for St. Jude Children's Hospital, and organized and took
19 the DARE Program around to the area schools; and

20 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades enjoyed coon hunting,
21 participating in jam sessions with his bluegrass music friends,

1 fishing and camping, and hosting fish fries at his home, where
2 he also held his annual Halloween Chili Hayride with his many
3 friends; he loved being with his family and was always
4 interested in their many activities, especially those of his
5 grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades was preceded in death by his first
7 wife of 37 years, Shelia; his parents; his stepson, Matthew
8 Vancil; his grandson, Clayton Blades; his granddaughter,
9 Bayley Nicole King; his 3 brothers, Stanley, Oakley, and Donald
10 Blades; his 2 sisters, Mary Ellen Carlson and Emma Elizabeth
11 Cogdill; and his brother-in-law, Kenny Foster; and

12 WHEREAS, Lindell Blades is survived by his wife of 10
13 years, Johnnie; his 2 sons and daughter-in-law, Lindell Ray and
14 Karen Blades, and Kevin Bruce Blades; his daughter and
15 son-in-law, Deanna and Dax Davidson; his 2 stepsons and their
16 wives, Sean and Lisa King, and Devin and Tammy King; his
17 stepdaughter and her husband, Aaron Sue and Kelly Tyner; his 7
18 granddaughters, Hannah King, MaKenzie Blades, Cara Vancil,
19 Patricia Blades, Alanis and Aleah Davidson, and Katelyn Brooke
20 Tyner; his 2 brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Frances
21 Blades, and John D. and Connie Blades; his 2 sisters and
22 brother-in-law, Lu Tefertiller, and Ruth Ann and Jerry Spears;
23 his sister-in-law, Jane Blades; his 3 brothers-in-law, Waldo
24 Cogdill, Joe Whittkamp and his wife, June, and David Foster; a

1 host of nieces and nephews and other extended family; and many
2 friends; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn the passing of Lindell D. Blades, and extend our sincere
6 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
7 him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Lindell Blades as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.