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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 Wesley Nelson, Jr., who passed away on June 8, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Nelson, Jr. was born on August 9, 1941 in Sardis, Mississippi; his parents were Wesley Nelson, Sr. and Cora Alice Nelson; he married Patricia Jones on March 14, 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Nelson, Jr. was educated in St. Louis public schools; he served in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1966 during the Vietnam War; after being honorably discharged at the end of his four-year enlistment, he returned home to St. Louis, Missouri and was employed at McDonnell Douglas for several years; and

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WHEREAS, In 1973, Wesley Nelson, Jr. moved to Chicago, where he attended engineering training school and completed his certification as a Licensed Stationary Engineer for the City of Chicago; he was employed by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for 18 years until his retirement in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, After retiring, Wesley Nelson, Jr. settled in Edwardsville to be closer to his St. Louis family; he also

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1 enjoyed many periods of snow-birding in Ft. Myers, Florida
2 while spending time with his close friend, Bob Knes and his
3 family; he also enjoyed hanging out at the American Legion
4 Hall, cruise ships, fishing, casino gambling, listening to the
5 blues, watching game shows and old movies, and spending time
6 with his family; and

7 WHEREAS, Wesley Nelson, Jr. was preceded in death by his
8 parents; his sister, Cora Lee Slack; and his half-sister,
9 Cyndia Doyle; and

10 WHEREAS, Wesley Nelson, Jr. is survived by his daughters,
11 Michelle Mitchell and Shivonne (Illinois State Representative
12 Elgie) Sims; his son, Shawn (Marie) Nelson; his sisters,
13 Shirlene Niblett and Izella Doyle (Robert Dodd); his
14 grandchildren, Brannon (Jazmine) Joiner, Kristena Houston,
15 Sydney and Spencer Nelson, and Kennedy and MacKenzie Sims; his
16 uncle, Jesse Billington; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and
17 friends; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
21 Wesley Nelson, Jr.; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Wesley Nelson, Jr. as an expression
2 of our sympathy.