

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Gerald E. "Griz" England, who
5 passed away on April 15, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Gerald E. England was born on February 1, 1949,
7 in Decatur, Illinois to Ernest and Mary Risley England; and

8 WHEREAS, "Griz" England was well-known to many radio
9 listeners in Central Illinois where he enjoyed a long radio
10 career that began in Sullivan, Illinois; he worked at several
11 area radio stations and made a national name for himself as a
12 country radio personality; while working in Decatur radio, he
13 began a series of "Merry Griz-mas" concerts at Decatur's
14 Lincoln Square Theatre, where he brought his music and gentle
15 sense of humor to thousands of Central Illinoisans in its
16 sellout performances; he received national attention as a
17 finalist for the Marconi Award for best Morning Personality
18 in America; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. England signed off the airwaves
20 after more than 25 years, and was elected Moultrie County
21 Clerk; and

22 WHEREAS, Gerald England was a member of the Kiwanis Club,
23 the CEFS Board, and First Christian Church of Sullivan; and

24 WHEREAS, The passing of Gerald E. "Griz" England will be
25 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
26 wife, Georgia; his sons, A. Michael Hoff II and Ernest Scott
27 England; his daughters, Angela M. Block and Jodi A. England;
28 his grandchildren, Cailin and Ethan Block; his mother, Mary
29 England; his sisters, Carroll Sebens, Marilyn Leonard, Betty
30 Mode, Judy Featheringill, and Donna Holland; and

31 WHEREAS, In addition to his family, "Griz" England will

1 also be dearly missed by his colleagues and employees at the
2 Moultrie County Clerk's Office, and by his countless number
3 of fans in Central Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Gerald E.
7 "Griz" England of Sullivan, Illinois; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Gerald E. "Griz" England with our
10 sincere condolences.