

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 Donald G. Benoit, who passed away
5 on September 18, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald Benoit was born on February 22, 1926 in
7 Kankakee, Illinois to Joseph A. and Irene Prairie Benoit; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Benoit enlisted in the United States Marine
9 Corps and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II;
10 after his discharge from the Marine Corps in 1948, he began
11 farming on 80 acres north of Bourbonnais along U.S. 45-52;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Benoit family continues to farm parcels of
14 land located north of Bourbonnais and south of Kankakee; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Benoit served as the Otto Township
16 Supervisor for the past 27 years following three years as a
17 Township Trustee; he also served 10 years on the Kankakee
18 County Farm Bureau Board and 9 years on the Agricultural
19 Stabilization and Conservation Service, now known as the Farm
20 Service Agency; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Benoit was named "Friend of the
22 Fair" in recognition of his decades of support and service
23 for the Kankakee County Fair, in which his west pasture was
24 always reserved for overflow parking at the fairgrounds; and

25 WHEREAS, Along with his wife, Barbara, Mr. Benoit was
26 recently named as The Daily Journal's Farm Family of the
27 Year; in addition, they were named as the "Conservation Farm
28 Family of the Year" in 1993 by the Kankakee County Soil and
29 Water Conservation District in response to their careful use
30 of agricultural chemicals and strong conservation ethics; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Donald G. Benoit will be deeply
2 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 51
3 years, Barbara; his sons, Mark (wife, Debbie) Benoit, Andrew
4 Benoit, and Joseph (wife, Paula) Benoit; his daughters, Julie
5 (husband, Jack) Austin, Claudette (husband, Don) Hernenover,
6 Denise Benoit, Mary Ellen (husband, Jim) Azzarelli, Marcia
7 (husband, Tom) Wheeler, and Jennifer (husband, Randall)
8 Senesac; his sisters, Bernice Buckley, Rosemary (husband,
9 Raymond) Senesac, Theresa Ciaccio, Eloise (husband, Jack)
10 Martin, Joan (husband, Gerald) McGinnis, and Joyce (husband,
11 Doug) Altmyer; his brothers, Jerome (wife, Betty) Benoit and
12 Maurice Benoit; and his 21 grandchildren and one
13 great-grandchild; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Donald G.
17 Benoit of Kankakee, Illinois; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Donald G. Benoit with our sincere
20 condolences.