

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 Harold Russell "Russ" Hilgert, who
5 passed away on November 24, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Harold Russell Hilgert was born on November 17,
7 1925 in Artesia Township, Iroquois County to Herman U. and
8 Anna Sachtjen Hilgert; he married the former Bennie L.
9 Flippin on January 18, 1947 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in
10 Momence; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hilgert retired as a project manager for the
12 State of Illinois Capital Development Board; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Hilgert served as a village trustee of Grant
14 Park for 11 years and as mayor of Grant Park for 24 years
15 from 1977 to 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hilgert served one year as president of the
17 Kankakee County Heart Association, was a member of the Moose,
18 and was active in the Lions Club for over 30 years; in
19 addition, he served the Lions organization both in Grant Park
20 and at the district level, where he earned a lifetime
21 membership and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship in
22 1995 by the International Lions Foundation; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Hilgert was also a member of Our Savior
24 Lutheran Church in Momence and served the church as Board
25 President and Treasurer; as a child, Mr. Hilgert helped build
26 the present Our Savior Lutheran Church on Pine Street in
27 Momence; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Hilgert enjoyed outside work, always tending
29 a large garden and caring for his lawn, and enjoyed all
30 sports; in addition, he was a member of two golf leagues, one
31 in Grant Park, and the other in Beecher; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Harold Russell Hilgert will be
2 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
3 wife, Bennie Hilgert; his son, Mark R. (Debra) Hilgert; his
4 daughters, Beverly (Dan) Compton and Pam Hilgert; his
5 sisters-in-law, Viola Hilgert and Viola Behrends; his
6 grandchildren, Jeff Compton, Sheila Shelley, Brittany
7 Hilgert, and Tyler R. Hilgert; and his great-grandchild,
8 Grant Shelley; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Harold
12 Russell Hilgert of Grant Park, Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Harold Russell Hilgert with our
15 sincere condolences.