

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ed
4 Seely Jr. of Momence, who passed away recently; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely was born in Chicago Heights to Ed and
6 Florence Seely; his parents operated the tavern and resort,
7 Glorydale, and raised chickens that were featured in dinners
8 when Glorydale was also a restaurant; and

9 WHEREAS, Ed Seely Jr. took over Glorydale from his
10 parents in 1966, operating the business with his wife, Vera;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely adopted the Kankakee river, fishing,
13 boating and hunting along it, exploring its bayous and
14 wetlands, and putting his energies and his education in
15 biology and bacteriology to work on its behalf; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely was a board member, secretary, and
17 president of the Kankakee River Conservancy District for 26
18 years; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely was very dedicated and cared for the
20 Kankakee river; he and the Conservancy District trustees did
21 much for the river with the little money allotted to them,
22 often doing volunteer work; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely brought scientific focus to concerns
24 about the river and was readily able to understand and talk
25 the language of government scientists about the river and its
26 problems; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely served as a member of the Kankakee
28 River Commission; he was a co-sponsor with the Momence Anchor
29 Club of the Kankakee River Drag Boat Races, and crowds would
30 watch the races from Glorydale on the south shore of the

1 river and from the Anchor Club on the north bank; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Seely was a frequent contributor to the
3 Daily Journal "Outdoor" section, writing articles about
4 fishing conditions and results for the area from Momence
5 east, and to other publications and broadcasts about the
6 river; and

7 WHEREAS, At Glorydale, Ed Seely Jr. was an interesting,
8 witty, genial, and entertaining host, whose percussion
9 talents were often shared in the Glorydale house band, "The
10 Waynes"; and

11 WHEREAS, Ed Seely Jr. will be deeply missed by all those
12 who knew him and loved him, especially his wife Vera, and all
13 those who frequented the Glorydale Resort and the Kankakee
14 River; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
18 Ed Seely Jr.; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Ed Seely Jr. with our sincere
21 condolences.