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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bob
4 Wilson; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Wilson served in the United States Army from
6 1961 to 1963; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1964, Bob Wilson became his father's first
8 employee at Wilson Rental, which was founded in 1958; he
9 eventually owned the business, expanding it to three locations;
10 in the 1990s, he started the special event rental; he also
11 worked for Prairie 1515, a website company; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob Wilson served on the Homewood Zoning Board for
13 three years and as a trustee for Homewood for over 15 years; he
14 was chairman of the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce in
15 2000 and served as a board member for three years prior; he was
16 also chairman of the chamber's Regional Governmental Affairs
17 Committee and the Ambassador Committee; he was named "Small
18 Business Person of the Year" by the Chamber in 1992; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Wilson was a longtime member and past
20 president of the Homewood Rotary Club; he organized, managed,
21 and participated in medical missions to Cusco, Peru; he

1 orchestrated the delivery of an ambulance to Peru; for over 27
2 years, he donated his time, tables, and tents for the annual
3 Rotary Health Fair; he donated his equipment to be used to
4 roast corn at Homewood Days; most recently, he was a member of
5 the Near South Rotary, where he maintained their website; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Wilson was a member of the Chicago Cook
7 Workforce Partnership, the Greater South Loop Association, the
8 Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Homewood
9 Chamber of Commerce, the Orland Park Chamber of Commerce, the
10 Mokena Chamber of Commerce, the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce,
11 the New Lenox Chamber of Commerce, the Downers Grove Chamber of
12 Commerce, the Naperville Chamber of Commerce, the Lisle Chamber
13 of Commerce, the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce, the American
14 Rental Association, the American Rental Association of
15 Chicagoland, and the WordPress Meet Ups; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob Wilson volunteered for the Field Museum, Lit
17 Fest, and WordCamp; and

18 WHEREAS, Bob Wilson was a man of many personal interests,
19 including riding motorcycles and flying; he held a private
20 pilots license with an instrument rating; he enjoyed jazz and
21 was an ardent supporter of Jazz In The Park For Charity,
22 providing tents, chairs, and logistical support; therefore, be
23 it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn the passing of Bob Wilson, and extend our sincere
4 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Bob Wilson as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.