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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of John S. "Jack" Shales of Elgin, who passed away on January 26, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales was born in Elgin on November 13, 1930; he graduated from Elgin High School in 1949; he served in the United States Marine Corp in Korea from 1951 until 1953; he married Marlene Kane, his high school sweetheart, in 1954; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales began working at Illinois Hydraulic Construction Co. in 1954; after 27 years, he co-founded the construction company Seagren/Shales Inc.; in 2001, he was a founding partner of Shales McNutt Construction; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales believed people are brought into the world to aid others; he volunteered for the United Way of Elgin for more than 60 years; he also served on the boards of the Salvation Army and the Gail Borden Public Library Foundation, and he emceed the Easter Seals telethons; and

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WHEREAS, Jack Shales was devoted to Elgin and was viewed as an icon in the community; because of his good sense of humor, and his belief that "you always have time to help other

1 people," he was often tasked with encouraging others to
2 volunteer; in 2004, The United Way made him a lifetime director
3 of the group and named the "Spirit of Community award for him;
4 in 2013, the City of Elgin honored him with its "Extra Mile
5 Hero" Award; in 2011, he and his wife were honored by the City
6 of Elgin and received an Image Award for their community
7 service, which that year included sponsoring the Community
8 Thanksgiving Luncheon and posing as the king and queen of the
9 library's Royal Feast to raise money for a teen center; and

10 WHEREAS, Jack Shales is survived by his wife, Marlene; his
11 children, Michael (Trecia) Shales, Kristin (Doug) Durham,
12 Heidi (Jeff) Baudry, and John (Shelly) Shales; his
13 grandchildren, Anna (Frank) Machniak, Gwen Shales (Kyle
14 Johnson), Leah (Dan) Roe, Jack F. Shales, Raven and Hope
15 Shales, Kyle and Jesse (Sabrina) Durham, Zak and Alec Baudry,
16 Sydney, Matthew, Ellen, and Jake Shales; and his
17 great-grandchildren, Asher and Etta Johnson, Lillian and
18 Timothy Machniak, and Baby Roe (due this summer); therefore, be
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20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 mourn the passing of John S. "Jack" Shales and extend our
23 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
24 and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jack Shales as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.