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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of George
4 Miller Burditt Jr. of LaGrange Park, former Illinois State
5 Representative, who passed away on March 12, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, George Burditt Jr. was born on Chicago's west
7 side; he grew up in LaGrange and was valedictorian of the class
8 of 1940 at Lyons Township High School; he played basketball and
9 was later elected to the school's hall of fame and the Illinois
10 Basketball Hall of Fame; he received a bachelor's degree from
11 Harvard, where he was also on the basketball team, while
12 serving in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1944; after the war, he
13 obtained his law degree from Harvard; he married Barbara
14 Stenger in 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, George Burditt Jr. worked for Swift & Co. and in
16 1969 started the law firm of Burditt & Calkins, which focused
17 on food and drug law; and

18 WHEREAS, George Burditt Jr. was an attorney, former
19 president of the Chicago Bar Association, general counsel for
20 the Food and Drug Law Institute, and a longtime adjunct
21 professor in food and drug law at Northwestern University's law
22 school from 1967-1997; and

1 WHEREAS, George Burditt Jr. got involved in politics in the
2 1950s after moving to Western Springs; he was on the village
3 plan commission, became a campaign manager for the Lyons
4 Township Republican organization, and was vice-chairman of a
5 group of Dwight Eisenhower supporters; he served as an Illinois
6 State Representative in the 1960s and 1970s, serving 4 terms
7 and achieving the level of assistant majority leader; after
8 leaving the Illinois House of Representatives, he was appointed
9 to the State ethics board and to the Illinois Liquor Control
10 Commission; in March 1974, he was elected as Lyons Township GOP
11 committeeman; and

12 WHEREAS, George Burditt Jr. was preceded in death by his
13 first wife, Barbara, who died in 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, George Burditt Jr. is survived by his second wife,
15 Mary Jane Mallery, whom he married in 2008; his daughters
16 Barbara Perry, Betsey Blessing, and Deborah; his son, George M.
17 III; his 11 grandchildren; and his 6 great-grandchildren;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of George Burditt Jr., and extend our
22 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family George Burditt Jr. as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.