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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to hear of the passing of James J.
4 Elson, Sr. of Canton and wish to honor his life and pay tribute
5 to this very special man; and

6 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr. was born in Pontiac on August 5,
7 1931 to Howard and Bernadine (nee Twomey) Elson; he graduated
8 from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science from
9 the College of Agriculture and a Juris Doctorate from the
10 College of Law; and

11 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr., after graduating from the
12 College of Law, served 3 years of active duty as a judge
13 advocate (Captain) in the United States Air Force; and

14 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr. began practicing law in Canton
15 after his release from service, which he continued to do until
16 his retirement in 2009; and

17 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr.'s hard work led to a long career
18 in law, which included being named a laureate of the Illinois
19 Academy of Lawyers in 2001, being a member of the Illinois
20 State Bar Association Board of Governors for 8 years, and being
21 a member of the Illinois State Bar Association Assembly for 13

1 years; and

2 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr. was deeply involved in his
3 community as a Trustee of the Parlin-Ingersoll Public Library
4 for 32 years and as President of the Canton Area Chamber of
5 Commerce in 1970; he was named Citizen of the Year in 1985; and

6 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr. will leave a legacy of
7 outstanding community service to the City of Canton through all
8 that he has done; and

9 WHEREAS, James Elson, Sr. is survived by his wife, Nancy
10 Elson; his 2 daughters, Marygrace Elson and Joan Bernadine
11 Moore; his 3 sons, James J. Elson, Jr., Stephen P. Elson, and
12 John C. Elson; and his 2 sisters, Mary Anne Elson and Carol
13 Abell; he has 12 grandchildren and a great-grandchild;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 mourn the passing of James J. Elson, Sr., and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all of those
19 who knew and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of James Elson, Sr. as an expression of

1 our respect and deepest sympathies.