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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 Fred H.  
4 Bright Jr., the former Mayor of the Village of East Alton, who  
5 passed away on February 25, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Fred Bright was born in Granite City on June 24,  
7 1942; he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he was  
8 a graduate of the FBI Academy; and

9 WHEREAS, Fred Bright embarked on a lengthy career in law  
10 enforcement, beginning with the Madison County Sheriff's  
11 Department at the Madison County Jail; he later joined the  
12 Alton Police Department; he then served in the role of Chief of  
13 Police for the Village of East Alton, and he proceeded to serve  
14 as a major with the Madison County Sheriff's Department; and

15 WHEREAS, Fred Bright served as Mayor of the Village of  
16 East Alton for five terms; while he held office, he was known  
17 for his commitment to the village and the concern he showed for  
18 his employees, always making sure they had what they needed;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Fred Bright, in addition to his public service,  
21 was an insurance agent for State Farm since 1983, and he was

1 actively involved in a number of community organizations,  
2 including the Wood River Masonic Lodge and the Ainad Shrine  
3 Temple; and

4 WHEREAS, Fred Bright will be remembered for dedicating  
5 much of his life to public service; and

6 WHEREAS, Fred Bright was preceded in death by his wife,  
7 Shirley R. (Rieken) Bright; and

8 WHEREAS, Fred Bright is survived by two daughters, four  
9 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we mourn the passing of Fred H. Bright Jr., the former Mayor of  
13 the Village of East Alton, and extend our sincere condolences  
14 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Fred Bright and to the Village of  
18 East Alton as an expression of our deepest sympathy.