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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 Dennis W. Conover, who passed away on November 4, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Conover was born to Sally Mae Conover in Kennett, Missouri on September 28, 1946; he relocated to Pekin after graduating high school in 1964 and dedicated his life to the service of Illinoisans within Tazewell County; and

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WHEREAS, Once settled in Pekin, Dennis Conover quickly began a career in law enforcement, following a short tenure in both the railroad and construction industries; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Conover's law enforcement career started with the Pekin Auxiliary Police and in the 911 Communications Center, where he met his bride, Tammie Jo; and

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WHEREAS, Dennis Conover joined the Marquette Heights Police Department in 1989 and became the Firearms Range Instructor, Field Training Officer, and Sergeant of major case investigations; throughout his career, he received various law enforcement awards, most notably the illustrious Officer of the Year Award in 1994 for the largest drug bust in Marquette Heights history; and

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1           WHEREAS, In the midst of his public law enforcement career,  
2           Dennis Conover earned his certification for a private detective  
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4           Conover Detective Agency with his brothers, which became a  
5           successful local business; and

6           WHEREAS, Dennis Conover was sworn in as the Deputy Coroner  
7           of Tazewell County in 1996; he would later serve as the  
8           Tazewell County Coroner from 2003 until his retirement in 2011;  
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10           WHEREAS, Dennis Conover served his community outside of his  
11           professional capacity; he was a long-time member of First  
12           Christian Church, serving as deacon and elder, and a member of  
13           the Salvation Army Advisory Board; he served on Pekin's Rust  
14           Transitional Center Committee for temporary housing; and

15           WHEREAS, Dennis Conover sat on the Tazewell County  
16           Republican Executive Board, helping to elect many local and  
17           state politicians, and most recently served as its Chairman;  
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19           WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Dennis Conover's love of his  
20           family, especially that of his adoring wife, children, and  
21           grandchildren will never be forgotten; he was fondly referred

1 to as "Papa" by his grandchildren; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we mourn the loss of Dennis W. Conover and honor the passionate  
5 and dedicated service and exemplary leadership he provided  
6 Tazewell County; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Dennis Conover as a symbol of our  
9 respect and esteem.