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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 deaths of Frank and Cinda Edwards of Springfield on January 28, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Frank and Cinda Edwards were married on January 15, 1983 and had just recently celebrated their 37th anniversary; they were the proud parents of their son, Alex; and

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WHEREAS, Frank and Cinda spent their lives dedicated to public service by serving their community and country; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Edwards served in the Illinois National Guard, where he earned the rank of Sergeant and developed a passion and love of flying; and

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WHEREAS, Upon completion of his service in the National Guard, Frank joined the Springfield Fire Department and spent over two decades serving the residents of Springfield; he retired from the Department as Fire Chief; and

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WHEREAS, Frank was elected to the Springfield City Council in 2003, was re-elected in 2007, and became the interim Mayor of Springfield following the death of former Mayor Tim Davlin;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Cinda Edwards had a remarkable career of caring
3 for others as a registered nurse in Springfield; she worked on
4 the Neurological Unit at Memorial Medical Center and in the
5 Emergency Room at St. John's Hospital and was the clinical
6 director for Priority Care; and

7 WHEREAS, Cinda was elected to the Lincoln Land Community
8 College Board of Trustees and was a strong supporter of various
9 charitable organizations in the Springfield area, including
10 the Hoogland Center for the Arts and Big Brothers Big Sisters;
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12 WHEREAS, Cinda was appointed Sangamon County Coroner in
13 2011; she was elected to a full term in 2012 and re-elected in
14 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, Cinda's job as coroner was not only to investigate
16 the deaths of Sangamon residents but also to help console
17 grieving families during difficult moments, and she did so with
18 tremendous care and compassion; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank and Cinda Edwards loved the City of
20 Springfield and Sangamon County; they counted so many people as
21 their friends; and

1 WHEREAS, Their passing will leave a hole in the hearts of
2 many in the Springfield area, but their legacy will live on for
3 generations to come; and

4 WHEREAS, The Edwards family is also mourning the loss of
5 their loving and friendly dog Lily, who brought a smile to the
6 faces of all she encountered and died alongside Frank and
7 Cinda; and

8 WHEREAS, Frank and Cinda Edwards are survived by their
9 loving son, Alex; their sister, Judy Rich; and their nieces,
10 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Frank and Cinda Edwards and extend our
14 deepest condolences to the Edwards family and to all their
15 friends in the Springfield area and the Bradenton, Florida
16 community who knew and loved them; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Frank and Cinda Edwards as an
19 expression of our deepest sympathy.