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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Bramley Funeral Home in Divernon on the occasion of its 80th anniversary on June 6th, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Charles R. (Bob) Bramley helped his father, the late Chester (C.G.) Bramley, in the family's mortuary business many years ago; at that time, he didn't know that he would follow in his father's footsteps or that his son, Tim, and now his granddaughter, Sarah, would follow in his; and

WHEREAS, Bob graduated from high school in 1939 and went to work as a clerk for the C & IM Railroad; he served time in the armed forces from 1942 to 1946; he was a Master Sergeant in the Army Medical Corp; in 1947, he attended mortuary school in St. Louis and graduated in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Bob married Carolyn on December 27, 1947; he worked in the business with his father until his father passed away in 1967; and

WHEREAS, The Bramley's also operated an ambulance service for many years but discontinued the service in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Tim Bramley went to mortuary school in Carbondale and received his license in 1979; he then went to work at Bisch Funeral Home in Springfield for 13 years and during that time, he helped his dad as well; and

WHEREAS, The Bramleys purchased the former First Midwest building in Auburn in 1991 and opened their Auburn location in June 4, 1991; at that time, Tim left Bisch Funeral Home to work with his father full time; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob states that his wife, Carolyn, has always been
2 there in the background; her help and support have been
3 invaluable to him throughout the years; and

4 WHEREAS, Tim's daughter, Sarah, graduated from Carl
5 Sandburg Mortuary School in May, 2003 and is currently serving
6 her apprenticeship with her grandfather and dad; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to the family's business, Bob worked
8 for the Postal Service for 22 years, kept the Divernon School
9 District's books for 30 years, was Village treasurer for 49
10 years, and served as secretary and treasurer for the Divernon
11 Fire Protection District for many years; he is currently
12 secretary and treasurer of the Brush Creek Cemetery Board, a
13 position he has held for 45 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Bramley feels strongly about providing this
15 service to the community even though being in a small town is
16 difficult because everyone who passes away is your friend; he
17 has dedicated his whole life to the community; and

18 WHEREAS, The village of Divernon has recognized June 6,
19 2004 as "Bob Bramley Day"; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate the Bramleys on their 80th anniversary of Bramley
23 Funeral Home and their dedication to the community; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
26 presented to Mr. Bob Bramley as a token of our respect.