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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of William E. "Bill" Griffith of Bushnell on Wednesday, February 23, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He was born on August 17, 1947, in Avon to Robert L. and Evelyn Spangler Griffith; he married Linda Graham on August 10, 1968, in Bushnell; he served his country as an electronics technician in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith was service manager for Woodrums Chevrolet Pontiac Cadillac in Macomb for 17 years; he later was a commercial airline pilot for Midway Airlines from 1988 to 1993; he managed Carthage Airport for two years and had flown King Air airplanes for the State of Illinois for the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS, His co-workers remember him as a man of many talents, often able to fix their computers, and as one who enjoyed life and always had a smile on his face; and

WHEREAS, His passengers admired this calm, competent, and confident pilot and deeply appreciated his never-failing helpfulness and sunny personality; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of T.L. Pickett Lodge, AF&AM, and Bushnell First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, The passing of William E. "Bill" Griffith has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Linda; his mother, Evelyn; his daughter, Christy Griffith; and his brother, Tom; he was preceded in death by his father and a brother; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of William E. "Bill" Griffith, and we
4 extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who
5 knew and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest
8 condolences during their time of bereavement.