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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Thomas Allen Hawkins of Waukegan, Illinois, who passed away on August 1, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Hawkins was born on November 9, 1931 in Florence, Alabama; his parents were Major and Lena Hawkins; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Hawkins confessed Christ at an early age, joining Community Methodist Church in Florence; after moving to Waukegan he joined Shiloh Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Hawkins was a graduate of Burrell Slater High School, where he was captain of the football team and excelled in basketball, track, and tennis; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Hawkins was a proud United States Marine, serving in the Korean War; after his time in the military, he moved to Waukegan and worked as a welder at American Motors/Daimler Chrysler for 40 years; he was known for being a hard worker and a man who loved education and discipline; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Hawkins was preceded in death by his parents, Major and Lena Hawkins; his sister, Lena Foxie; and his stepson, Ralph Sims; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Allen Hawkins is survived by his special and loving friend, Rosie Phillips; his son, Todd Sims; his sister, Bettye Jean Hawkins; his grandchildren, Patrice, Michelle, Anthony, Juwan, Montee, and Jeremiah Sims; his stepchildren, Marilyn "Sput" (Charles) Wallace, Jill (James)

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1 Figgins, and Linda Sims; their mother, Arnita Hawkins; his  
2 nieces, DeVon and Angela Nelson and Inge Foxie; his nephews,  
3 Zachary Nelson and Voltaire Hawkins; and many cousins and  
4 friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
8 Thomas Allen Hawkins; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Thomas Allen Hawkins.