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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of F.T.
4 "Mike" Graham of Libertyville, who passed away on December 29,
5 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham was born on September 10, 1927 in
7 Gurnee; his parents were Thomas and Anna Graham; and

8 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham graduated from Warren Township High
9 School in Gurnee in 1945; he attended Blackburn College in
10 Carlinville and Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo,
11 Michigan; and

12 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham was a salesman at Miller-Krueger Dodge
13 in Libertyville for many years; and

14 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham served as Supervisor of Libertyville
15 Township from 1969 until 1989 and from 1997 until 2002, where
16 his compassion for assisting those in need was very well known
17 in the community; he was a former member of the Lake County
18 Board, serving for 18 years; and

19 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham was the founder of the first open
20 space district in the Midwest, persuading Libertyville voters

1 to borrow \$22.6 million to fund the first township Open Space
2 District in the State; he was widely known for his relentless
3 pursuit for land preservation; his goal was to set aside and
4 protect hundreds of acres of open space in perpetuity; and

5 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham's tireless efforts resulted in the
6 acquisition, preservation, and development of dozens of new
7 preserves and sites in Lake County; and

8 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham was a member of St. Joseph Parish in
9 Libertyville and the Cardinal Stritch Council of the Knights of
10 Columbus; he was also an active participant at Marytown; and

11 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham was preceded in death by his parents;
12 his brothers, Thomas Graham, Edward Graham, and Walter Graham;
13 and his sisters, Helen Victor, Elizabeth Drobnick, Mary Miller,
14 and Peggy Deuel; and

15 WHEREAS, F.T. Graham is survived by his former wife and
16 dear friend, Geri Graham (nee Yore); his children, Julie
17 (Jerry) Adzima and Michael (Karen) Graham; his grandchildren,
18 Stephanie Adzima, Graham Adzima, Kathleen Graham, Mary Graham,
19 Michael Graham, Patrick Graham, John Graham, and Bridget
20 Graham; his sister, Ann Skyrius; and his many loving nieces and
21 nephews, who fondly referred to him as "Uncle Mick"; therefore,
22 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of F.T.
4 "Mike" Graham; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of F.T. Graham as a symbol of our
7 sincere sympathy.