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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 Thomas B.
4 Brinkoetter of Decatur, who passed away on July 1, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter was born on November 6, 1927 in
6 Decatur; he was the son of Bernard J. and Florence Marie
7 (Appenzeller) Brinkoetter; he married Jacqueline M. Cook on
8 June 6, 1949 in Decatur; and

9 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter was employed by A.E. Staley
10 Manufacturing Company from 1949 until 1958; he began selling
11 real estate in August of 1954; he then formed Tom Brinkoetter &
12 Co. in April of 1965, owning and operating the business until
13 his retirement in January of 1993, when his daughter Carla took
14 over the business; in 1977, he started the Tom Brinkoetter &
15 Co. Property Management; he was a graduate of the Illinois
16 Realtors Institute "G.R.I.", a certified Residential Salesman
17 "C.R.S.", and a certified Residential Broker "C.R.B."; and

18 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter was a member of the Decatur
19 Association of Realtors, the Illinois Association of Realtors,
20 and the National Association of Realtors; in 1981, he served as
21 Secretary of the Illinois Association of Realtors; he served on
22 several committees with the National, Illinois, and Decatur

1 Association of Realtors; he served as President of the Decatur
2 Association of Realtors in 1967 and Chairman of the Decatur
3 Multiple Listing Service in 1966; he also served as Dean of the
4 Illinois Realtors Institute for three years; and

5 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter was named Decatur Realtor of
6 the Year in 1983 in honor of his work; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter was a member of St. James
8 Catholic Church for his entire life; he was also a member of
9 the Metro Chamber of Commerce, the Golden "K" Kiwanis, the
10 American Legion Post #105, and the Knights of Columbus #577;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter was preceded in death by his
13 parents; his brother; and one grandchild; and

14 WHEREAS, Thomas Brinkoetter is survived by his wife,
15 Jackie; his children, Carla J. Brinkoetter and her husband,
16 Terry Smith, Connie J. Ewing and her husband, Kevin, and Thomas
17 A. Brinkoetter and his wife, Patricia; his grandchildren, Adam
18 J. Trent, James R. Trent, Alyssa A. Brinkoetter, and Joseph A.
19 Brinkoetter; his great-grandchild, Emmitt Trent; his sisters,
20 Evelyn F. Lonergan and Dorothy M. Raver and her husband,
21 Dwight; therefore, 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 Thomas
4 Brinkoetter; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Thomas Brinkoetter as an expression
7 of our sympathy.