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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bradley 4 Eugene Horton of Peoria, who passed away January 29, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Bradley Eugene Horton was born October 3, 1950 to 6 William "Bill" and Bernice E. Deets Horton of Dixon; he was the 7 older of two children, having a younger brother, Brian; and

WHEREAS, He excelled in athletics and extracurricular activities at Polo Community High School; he was a receiver on the football team, played forward on the basketball team (on which he also had the highest free throw shooting percentage), was the track team's best high jumper, and participated in band, chorus, and drama club; he graduated with the Class of 1968; and

WHEREAS, He went on to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University in 1972 and earned his MBA from Western Illinois University in 1974; after collegiate studies, he went to work for Jenn Realty and taught business classes at Midstate College in Peoria; he would later teach real estate courses at Illinois Central College; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Bradley left real estate to work in the

- 1 Peoria Township Assessor's Office; after the death of incumbent
- 2 assessor Bob Potter, he mounted campaigns for the assessor
- 3 position in 1981 and 1982 and won the position, a position
- 4 which he held for five terms and was recognized for his service
- of over 18 years as Township Assessor; and
- 6 WHEREAS, While serving as Peoria Township Assessor, he
- 7 taught others as an instructor for the Illinois Property
- 8 Assessment Institute; he continued educating other assessors
- 9 in Illinois and Indiana until his death; and
- 10 WHEREAS, He was elected Peoria County Recorder of Deeds in
- 11 2000; as Recorder of Deeds he was responsible for the
- 12 recording, scanning, and microfilming of legally executed real
- estate documents and maintaining records dating back to 1825;
- 14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, He was active in local politics as a member of the
- 16 Board of Directors and later, President, of the 2nd Ward
- 17 Republican Men's Club, as well as serving as a Republican
- 18 Precinct Committeeman; and
- 19 WHEREAS, He was active in his community, serving as past
- 20 president of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, as a member of the
- 21 Peoria Township Officials Organization, Peoria County
- 22 Assessor's Association, Illinois Assessor's Association, and

on the statewide Board of Directors of the Township Officials

- of Illinois for 13 years; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Bradley Horton is survived by his wife, Nancy Kay
- 4 Gustine Horton; his daughter, Alicia; his son-in-law, Derek,
- 5 and his two grandsons, Cayden and Brady; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 8 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
- 9 Bradley Eugene Horton; and be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 11 presented to the family of Bradley Eugene Horton as an
- 12 expression of our sincere sympathy.