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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 A.L.  
4 Lukens of West Frankfort, who passed away on May 25, 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, A.L. Lukens was born on October 14, 1925, in  
6 Herrin; his parents were Noel and Golda Lukens; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1944, A.L. Lukens left Herrin High School to  
8 join the United States Air Force in order to serve his country;  
9 he subsequently returned to join the family business, Bonifield  
10 Bros. Truck Line, where he served until he ended his career  
11 there as vice president/general manager; he then began a new  
12 career in sales with Hulbert Oil, serving there until his  
13 retirement as sales manager; after retirement, he continued  
14 working at Hulbert Oil as a consultant until he was 78 years  
15 old; and

16           WHEREAS, A.L. Lukens was a proud resident of West  
17 Frankfort; after moving there in 1950, he quickly became  
18 involved in the community through the Jaycees, where he served  
19 as president and state vice president, and as a volunteer  
20 fireman, where he made many lifelong friends; he served as  
21 president of the West Frankfort Park Board and was instrumental  
22 in obtaining a grant to pave the roads through the park; he

1 served as president of Franklin County Country Club for 5  
2 years; in recent years, he became re-involved in the community  
3 as an advocate for bringing Home Rule to West Frankfort and by  
4 obtaining funds from the state to beautify the interstate  
5 exchange with flowers; he also served as chairman of the Long  
6 Range Planning Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, At the age of 45, A.L. Lukens became a student of  
8 golf and loved playing the game until he was around 80; as a  
9 hobby, he built golf clubs for many people, including his  
10 grandsons and his 18-month-old great-grandson, Colton; and

11 WHEREAS, A.L. Lukens lived on Candy Cane Lane and was a  
12 founder of the annual Christmas tradition; he and his neighbors  
13 brought joy to thousands for the past 25 years by covering his  
14 roof and yard with lights; his favorite display was "It's a  
15 Small World After All"; and

16 WHEREAS, A.L. Lukens enjoyed traveling to see his kids and  
17 grandkids, watching his investments, learning how to use his  
18 computer, and taking pride in his beautiful green yard; and

19 WHEREAS, A.L. Lukens was preceded in death by his parents  
20 and his mother-in-law, Billie Hestand; and

21 WHEREAS, A.L. Lukens is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his

1 daughter, Sally (Tim) Barber; his son, Allen (Luke) Lukens; his  
2 sisters and their husbands, Jan and Charlie Blaylock and Kay  
3 and Joe Howell; his grandchildren, Brett, Ben, and Adam Barber  
4 and Leah and Lindsay Lukens; and his great-grandson, Colton  
5 Christian Barber; 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 A.L.  
9 Lukens; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of A.L. Lukens as an expression of our  
12 sympathy.