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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of former
4 State Representative James Donald Holloway of Chester, who
5 passed away August 20, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, He was the eldest of 4 children born to Donald R.
7 and Elvira "Massmann" Holloway; he began his education by
8 attending Marshall School, grades one through 4, Niedringhaus
9 School, grades 5 and 6, and Central School, grades 7 and 8; he
10 moved with his parents to Sparta in 1945 and finished eighth
11 grade in the Sparta school system; he attended Sparta Community
12 High School and graduated in the "Gold Rush" class of 1949,
13 having served as president of the junior class; and

14 WHEREAS, He married Doris E. Cundiff on June 28, 1958, in
15 Chester; their attendants were Luke and Jennie File, editor and
16 publishers of the Chester Herald Tribune; and

17 WHEREAS, He had always been interested in politics and
18 started at an early age; in 1953, he filed for county treasurer
19 on the Democratic ticket and was elected November 2, 1954;
20 having served 4 years as county assessor and treasurer and not
21 being eligible to succeed himself, he ran for the office of
22 State representative from the 58th District, composed of the

1 counties of Monroe, Randolph, Jackson, Union, Pulaski, and
2 Alexander; he was elected to the Illinois General Assembly on
3 November 4, 1958, and re-elected for 8 consecutive terms,
4 retiring in 1975 as a senior member of the House of
5 Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, He began a career with Egyptian Electric
7 Cooperative Association upon leaving the treasurer's office in
8 1958; he assumed the duties of general manager and chief
9 executive officer February 23, 1976 and served in that capacity
10 until he resigned in 1983, to become executive assistant to
11 Illinois Attorney General Neil F. Hartigan; he served in that
12 capacity until he retired from public office effective in 1988;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, He served as a director of the Illinois
15 Presbyterian Home in Springfield and most recently served as a
16 director of First National Bank of Steeleville, and as a member
17 of the board of directors of the John A. Logan College
18 Foundation; he also served as a commissioner of Williamson
19 County Airport Authority; he attended Westminster Presbyterian
20 Church; and

21 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepson,
22 David Williams; and his sister, Susie Dempsey; and

1 WHEREAS, Former State Representative James Holloway is
2 survived by his wife, Doris Holloway; his daughters, Karen
3 Hamilton and Judith (Kenneth) Pullins; his brothers, Robert
4 (Alene) Holloway and Donald (Lana) Holloway; his
5 grandchildren; and his 3 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn, along with his friends, family, and former
9 constituents, the passing of former State Representative James
10 Holloway; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of former State Representative James
13 Holloway as a symbol of our sincere sympathy.