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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of LeRoy A. Ufkes, who passed away on October 18, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born September 8, 1923 in Bear Creek Township, Hancock County, the son of Fred J. and Tena M. Johnson Ufkes; on December 28, 1956, he married Joan Aleshire at St. Paul Catholic Church in Macomb; and

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WHEREAS, He attended Basco High School for 3 years, and later graduated from Carthage High School in 1940; he received his bachelors degree from Carthage College in Carthage; he attended Texas Tech College in Lubbock, Texas and Louisiana State University, majoring in engineering; he received his Juris Doctorate with honors from the University of Iowa Law School in Iowa City, Iowa in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, He was a lieutenant in the United States Army and served in Italy in World War II; he served on numerous State Commissions, including the Commission for the Status of Women, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, and the Illinois Court of Claims; he was Special Assistant Attorney General for over 10 years with the State of Illinois; he served an interim term in the Illinois State Legislature; he was a member of the

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1 Hancock County Bar Association, and he was an Illinois delegate
2 for numerous Republican Conventions; and

3 WHEREAS, He was the director of the Board of Farmers State
4 Bank of Ferris, the Union Bank of Carthage, and Memorial
5 Hospital and Nursing Home; throughout his professional career
6 he was a member of numerous other boards and commissions
7 related to the practice of law; and

8 WHEREAS, He was a longtime attorney for the Church of Jesus
9 Christ of the Latter Day Saints and a lifetime advocate for
10 justice and fairness for the poor; he was also involved with
11 the local Humane Society and enjoyed time with his best friend
12 and cat Little Miss Amy; and

13 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Western Illinois University
14 Western Athletic and Leatherneck Clubs and was an inductee into
15 the Western Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame; he was
16 one of the charter athletic full scholarship donors of the
17 Western Athletic Club through the Western Illinois University
18 Foundation; he was a season ticket holder for St. Louis Rams
19 football and the University of Iowa Hawkeyes; and he was a
20 lifetime Cincinnati Reds fan; and

21 WHEREAS, LeRoy Ufkes is survived by his wife, Joan; his
22 daughter, Dr. Fran Ufkes-Daniels and son-in-law, Dr. Lacy

1 Daniels; and his sister, Ruth I. Ufkes; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
5 LeRoy Ufkes; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of LeRoy Ufkes as a symbol of our
8 sincere sympathy.