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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 Clarence "Red" Lowery, Jr. of Benton, who passed away on January 16, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Lowery, Jr. was born in Benton on January 18, 1926 to Clarence Lowery, Sr. and Bess (nee Sharp) Biggs; he attended Benton Consolidated High School, where he was President of the Class of 1944 and an All-State fullback for the Benton Rangers football team; he served in the United States Army during World War II and was involved in the Battle of Luzon in the Philippines, during which, on May 11, 1945, he sustained injuries in battle and was awarded the Purple Heart; following his service, he returned home and attended Erskine College, where he played football and basketball; he married Kathleen Collins on May 20, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Lowery, Jr. worked as a teacher and coach before joining the Mobil Oil Company as a regional salesman, receiving several national awards for excellence over his career before retiring; and

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WHEREAS, Clarence Lowery, Jr. was an active member of the Benton community, serving on the Benton Consolidated High

1 School board for more than a decade and on the Benton City
2 Council; he was a candidate for State Representative in 1970;
3 he was also a member of the Benton Veterans of Foreign Wars
4 Post 2671, the Benton American Legion Post 280, and the Benton
5 Masonic Lodge 64 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; he was a
6 proud alumnus of Erskine College and was inducted into its Hall
7 of Fame in 1982 for outstanding performance in football and
8 basketball; and

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10 WHEREAS, Clarence Lowery, Jr. enjoyed keeping up with
11 current events and traveling; he visited countries all over the
12 world and made frequent trips to Las Vegas; and

13 WHEREAS, Clarence Lowery, Jr. was preceded in death by his
14 parents; his brother, Max Lowery; and his sister, Helen Franko;
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16 WHEREAS, Clarence Lowery, Jr. is survived by his wife of 61
17 years, Kathleen Lowery; his 4 children, Lynn Alligood and
18 husband, Bob, Cindy Lowery, Clarence Clyde "C.C." Lowery and
19 wife, Heidi, and Rob Lowery and wife, Lisa; his grandchildren,
20 Kathleen Wubker and husband, Brian, Olivia Lowery, Christopher
21 Lowery, Clarence Wade Lowery, Ryan Lowery, and Mackenzie
22 Lowery; his great-grandchildren, Lillian Kathleen Warpinski,
23 Sophia Wubker, and Bennett Wubker; his uncle, Clarence Lowery;
24 his nephew, Bill Lowery; and several other nieces and nephews;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 mourn the passing of Clarence "Red" Lowery, Jr., and extend our
5 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
6 and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Clarence Lowery, Jr. as an
9 expression of our deepest sympathy.