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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 James Kenneth Powless, who passed away on April 18, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, James Powless was born in Carbondale on April 9, 1949 to Kenneth Barnett and Emily Mary (nee Cygnar) Powless; he married Susan Elizabeth Reed on June 13, 1970 in Marion; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance in 1971 and a Juris Doctor in 1974 from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; and

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WHEREAS, James Powless practiced law in Marion and owned William County Title and Abstract; and

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WHEREAS, James Powless was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Marion; he enjoyed fishing, reading, cooking, tinkering, teaching, and listening to folk music; he volunteered for the Marion Regional Humane Society and substitute taught for the Marion and Carterville school districts; he invested many years coaching a summer softball league; and

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WHEREAS, James Powless was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law, George Pullis; and

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1 WHEREAS, James Powless is survived by his wife of 44 years,
2 Susan; his 2 daughters and son-in-law, Sarah Filkins and Jamie
3 and Will Miller; his 3 grandsons, Colin Filkins, Jack Miller,
4 and Finnegan Miller; his sisters, Linda Powless and Catherine
5 Powless; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Patty
6 Powless; his mother-in-law, Carol Pullis; several nephews and
7 nieces; many friends; and the many students whom he enjoyed
8 teaching in the Marion Unit 2 and Carterville Unit 5 school
9 districts; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 mourn the passing of James Kenneth Powless, and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of James Powless as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.