

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Maynard C. Becker of Mount Olive,  
5 Illinois, who passed away on October 6, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Maynard C. Becker was born on March 28, 1914 in  
7 Mount Olive to Edward Herman and Minnie Keune Becker; he  
8 married Elizabeth Jane Potts in 1939 in Huntington, West  
9 Virginia; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Becker attended Mount Olive Grade School and  
11 graduated from Mount Olive High School in 1931; he attended  
12 the University of Illinois and transferred to Millikin  
13 University, where he graduated in 1935; he received his  
14 mortuary degree from Hohenschuh-Carpenter College of  
15 Embalming in St. Louis; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1938, Mr. Becker opened a funeral home in  
17 Taylorville along with his partner, Wilbert Ross; in 1940,  
18 they sold the Taylorville funeral home and opened Ross and  
19 Becker Funeral Home in Litchfield; in 1949, Mr. Becker left  
20 Litchfield to join his father at Becker and Son Funeral Home;  
21 in addition, he drove an ambulance at all three locations for  
22 more than 40 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Becker was a life member of the Zion  
24 Lutheran Church in Mount Olive, the first president of the  
25 Mount Olive Ambulance Association, the current president of  
26 the Mount Olive Cemetery Board, a former exalted ruler of the  
27 Litchfield Elks Club, a life member of the Mount Olive Turner  
28 Hall, and a 60-year member of the National and Illinois  
29 Funeral Director's Association; and

30 WHEREAS, The passing of Maynard C. Becker will be deeply  
31 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,

1 Elizabeth; his daughters, Jane Becker and Judy (husband, Ken)  
2 Hinkley; his son, Ed (wife, Shelley) Becker; his 8  
3 grandchildren; his 10 great-grandchildren; and his brother,  
4 Dr. Vernon (wife, Bettye) Becker; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Maynard  
8 C. Becker of Mount Olive, Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Maynard C. Becker with our sincere  
11 condolences.