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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 Jim Mamer of East Peoria, who passed away on November 28, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was born in Mt. Vernon to James C. and Doris Stevens Mamer on August 11, 1947; he graduated from Streator High School in 1965 and from Midstate College; he attended the Illinois Bankers School of Southern Illinois University and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; he served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Gurke; he married Lynn Ferguson at St. Stephen Church in Streator on May 4, 1968; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was President and CO-CEO of Morton Community Bank; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer loved East Peoria and was instrumental in the success of several major projects, including the development of the city's new downtown, the Eastside Center, the Par-A-Dice casino, the East Peoria Festival of Lights, Leisure Acres, the East Peoria Civic Plaza, and the Jaycee fireworks show; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was an active volunteer and served his

1 community in many ways, including as a member of the OSF  
2 Healthcare Foundation Board, the Rotary Club, and the East  
3 Peoria Community Foundation; he was a charter member and former  
4 President of the Kiwanis; he was also a member of the Jaycees  
5 and the East Peoria Chamber of Commerce; he was a Fondulac Park  
6 District Commissioner and served as Treasurer for several  
7 school districts; he was recognized for his efforts in founding  
8 the Fondulac Banking Center and was a named the 1983 Business  
9 Person of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Mamer's exceptional service to his community  
11 inspired a new Chamber of Commerce annual award, beginning in  
12 the year 2017 and given to a member of the community who also  
13 reflects Jim Mamer's qualities of public service, both  
14 personally and professionally; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was a proud grandfather and loved  
16 attending the extracurricular activities of his grandchildren;  
17 he was a member of Saint Monica Catholic Church in East Peoria;  
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19 WHEREAS, Jim Mamer was survived by his wife, Lynn; his  
20 sons, Michael (Lisa) and Matthew (Heidi) Mamer; his  
21 grandchildren, Makayla, Hunter, Kyah, Peyton, and Logan Mamer;  
22 his sister, Diane (Alan) Bressner; his brother, Steven (Pam)  
23 Mamer; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Cindy (Steve)

1 Franciska, and Mark (Patty) Ferguson; and many nieces, nephews,  
2 and great-nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 mourn the passing of Jim Mamer, and extend our sincere  
6 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
7 him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Jim Mamer as an expression of our  
10 deepest sympathy.