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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 John Thomas Merwin of Mokena, who passed away on September 21, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, John Merwin was born in Chicago on June 23, 1929; he served in the United States Army in Korea and graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering; he married Evelyn Joan Obarski on May 24, 1953; and

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WHEREAS, John Merwin had a 42-year career with Commonwealth Edison, where he held various technical and management positions in fossil fuel plants and in construction of nuclear power plants; he retired in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, John Merwin gave back to his community through volunteer work, such as teaching driving skills for seniors for the AARP, and preparing annual income taxes for seniors, both activities through Senior Services of Will County; and

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WHEREAS, John Merwin always had time for his family, whether it was grilling for them in the backyard or cheering them on at sporting events; he enjoyed home construction,

1 woodworking, mastering the personal computer, and scale-model
2 auto and ship building; his family thought of him as a walking
3 encyclopedia and he always had his facts at hand; although he
4 was born on Chicago's south side, he became an avid Chicago
5 Cubs fan; he and his wife loved to travel, particularly to the
6 northeastern United States and Canadian Maritime Provinces;
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8 WHEREAS, John Merwin was preceded in death by his wife,
9 Evelyn; his only brother; and his parents; and

10 WHEREAS, John Merwin is survived by his children, Janice
11 (Steve) Brown, Sharon Merwin (Greg Spiess), Nancy
12 Krabbenhoeft, Michael Merwin, and Mary Beth (Ken) Kaczmarek;
13 his grandchildren, Nicolle (John) Glover, Noelle (Joe)
14 Appleman, Kevin (Nikki Lamba), Chris, and Nick Krabbenhoeft,
15 Carl (Nikki) Spiess, Elizabeth (CaHontas) Vincent, Jeffrey
16 Heaton, Tracy and Casey Merwin, and Nicole and Katelyn
17 Kaczmarek; and his great-grandchildren, Duncan and Rowan
18 Glover, Cade Appleman, Pelle and Adelaide Krabbenhoeft, Anika
19 Krabbenhoeft, Leah and Noah Vincent, and Landon Merritt;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
23 mourn the passing of John Thomas Merwin, and extend our sincere

1 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
2 him; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of John Merwin as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.