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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Al Oxford of Johnston City; and

WHEREAS, Al was born January 6, 1943 in Hardin County, the son of Gilbert and Cora (Ralph) Oxford; he married Iolanda (Serena) on April 27, 1977 in Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, Al was a retired coal miner, last working at Rend Lake Consolidated Coal in 2003, and was a union representative for the UMWA; and

WHEREAS, Al was a veteran of the Cuban Missile Crisis - Bay of Pigs from 1960 to 1963, serving in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Al was an active member of the community; he was a member of the Lake Creek Masonic Lodge and a board member of the FRC; he was a Democratic precinct committeeman, had served on the Johnston City School Board, and had been a Johnston City alderman; Al was a member of Hurricane Baptist Church in Herrin, where he served as a trustee and a Yokefellow; he also was a member of the Buccaneer's Club of Johnston City; and

WHEREAS, Al was an inspiration to his family and countless friends, and his passing has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Iolanda; his son, Brian, and wife Shelley; his daughter, Tonya Greenrod; his grandchildren, Ryan Oxford, Courtney Oxford, Kayleigh Oxford, Aaron Pogue, and Kaci Pogue; his sisters, Wanda Cash, Alma Gross (husband, Harold), and Betty Cash (husband, Ed); his brothers, Russel (wife, Jackie), Harry (wife, Jane), and Dave; and several nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Winford and Kenny; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Al Oxford, and we extend our deepest
4 sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
5 him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Al Oxford's family as an expression of our sincere
8 condolences.