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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Robert A. Ferrari of Herrin,  
4 who passed away on January 31, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Ferrari was born in Royalton on November  
6 16, 1929, the son of Domenico and Mary (Colo) Ferrari; he  
7 married Shirley R. Gulley on September 19, 1977, in Las Vegas,  
8 Nevada; and

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WHEREAS, Robert received a Bachelor of Science degree and  
Master's degree in mathematics from Southern Illinois  
University; he was a teacher and coach at Johnston City High  
School and Herrin High School; he started Herrin Sheet Metal in  
the early 1950s; he purchased WJPF Radio in 1966, sold the  
radio station, but returned to radio in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrari developed Cambridge Manor Apartments  
and the Melody Acres Subdivision in Herrin; he was an avid  
runner, competing in multiple marathons, most importantly in  
the St. Louis and Boston marathons and multiple River to River  
Relays; he was one of the founding members of the River to  
River Running Association; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrari organized the fundraising and

1 promotion of the Coal Miners Memorial in Herrin; he was the  
2 co-owner of Lombard Cafe in Herrin; he was the president of  
3 Herrinfesta Italiana for the past 10 years and assisted in the  
4 development of the bocce courts and pavilions; he served as  
5 past president of the Herrin Chamber of Commerce and was  
6 president of the Bob Brewer Foundation Board; Mr. Ferrari  
7 served on the board of directors for REDCO, representing  
8 Herrin; he was a member of the Herrin Rotary Club and a  
9 recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferrari was preceded in death by his wife,  
11 Shirley R. Ferrari; his parents, Domenico and Mary Ferrari; his  
12 brother-in-law, Michael Akulow; and his son-in-law, John  
13 Wolff; and

14 WHEREAS, Robert Ferrari's survivors include his daughter,  
15 Gayle Wolff, and her son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Jenny  
16 Wolff, and their two sons Jaxon and Dylan Wolff; his son, Keith  
17 Ferrari, and his son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Brandi  
18 Ferrari, and their son Denon Ferrari and their daughter,  
19 Nichole and husband, Chris Hamm; Keith's wife, Kim, and  
20 children Domenico, Christianna, and Cherestina; his daughter,  
21 Patricia Ferrari and her husband, Andrew Janszky, and their  
22 children Christopher, Ebie, and Lucas; his daughter, Brenda  
23 Brewster and her husband, John, and their sons, Travis and  
24 Patrick; his son, Brett Ferrari and his life partner, Richard

1 Smith; his daughter, Christy Ferrari Silverman and her husband,  
2 Ron; his fiancée, Martha "Marti" Roberts; his sister, Angelina  
3 Akulow; his niece, Mary; and his nephew, Mike; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with his family  
7 and friends, the passing of Robert Ferrari; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Robert Ferrari as a symbol of our  
10 sympathy.