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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of G. Dick
4 Wheeler of Mt. Zion, who passed away on March 14, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Wheeler was born on April 10, 1925 in Macon
6 County; his parents were Boyd Wallace and Marjorie (Britton)
7 Wheeler; he married Donna K. Greenfield on June 5, 1944; she
8 preceded him in death on November 28, 1988; he later married
9 Mona M. Stagen on September 9, 1989; she preceded him in death
10 on January 8, 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Dick Wheeler began farming at the age of six; he
12 received the prestigious American Farmer Degree at the Future
13 Farmers of America Convention; after graduating from Mt. Zion
14 High School in 1943 he became a leader in the community; and

15 WHEREAS, He was a charter member of the Mt. Zion Lions Club
16 and served as the first president; he was elected to serve two
17 terms on the school board; he was elected president and
18 assisted in purchasing the McGaughey Grade School property;
19 through the efforts of the community, the school board, and Mr.
20 Wheeler Pittsburgh Plate Glass made the decision to build its
21 plant in Mt. Zion; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler was a third generation member of the
2 Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church where he served as organist, a
3 choir member, a deacon, and as an ordained elder since 1948; he
4 chaired the building committee after the original church
5 building was destroyed by fire; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler served fifty-five years with the Mt.
7 Zion Fire Protection District, including seventeen years as the
8 Fire Chief; he later served as President of the Fire District;
9 he considered his work with the Fire Protection District to be
10 one of his proudest accomplishments; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Wheeler was a fifty year plus member of the
12 I.O.O.F. Lodge 3300 in Mt. Zion and the Class of '43 Breakfast
13 Club; and

14 WHEREAS, Dick Wheeler was preceded in death by his parents;
15 his wives; his brother; and two grandchildren; he will be
16 remembered by those who survive him, including his daughters,
17 Donna Lynne Mormino and her husband, Gary; Joda Leigh Rade and
18 her husband, Jim, and Carol Jill Buckley and her husband,
19 Michael; his son, John Eric Wheeler and his wife, Sandy; his
20 step-daughter, Connie J. Danzelsen; his eight grandchildren;
21 his two step-grandchildren; and his three great-grandchildren;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of G.
4 Dick Wheeler; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of G. Dick Wheeler as a symbol of our
7 sympathy.