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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 Jimmie
4 Lee Pierce of Springfield, who passed away on March 13, 2009;
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6 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce was born on June 4, 1921 in
7 Redden, Oklahoma; he was the son of Joshua L. and Mary
8 Hardgrave Pierce; he married Donna Rich on April 13, 1950 in
9 Minonk; and

10 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce was born and raised on a farm in
11 Oklahoma, though early in his life he had the opportunity to
12 try out for the St. Louis Cardinals; Jimmie was a member of the
13 Civilian Conservation Corps prior to his service in the United
14 States Army during World War II, where he earned three Bronze
15 Stars and two Purple Hearts; and

16 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce attended the Diesel Engineering
17 School in St. Louis, Missouri; he was a co-owner of Pierce
18 Refined Oil and served as an executive with the Illinois
19 Environmental Protection Agency; and

20 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce enjoyed spending time with his
21 family and entertaining friends; he also enjoyed fishing, golf,

1 hunting, playing his guitar, and singing; he was a member of
2 Church of the Little Flower, the DAV, the Elks Club, and the
3 Springfield Motor Boat Club; and

4 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce was preceded in death by his
5 parents; his brothers, Lonnie, Ray, Ed, Perry, and Haskel; and
6 his sister, Vesta; and

7 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce is survived by his wife of
8 fifty-nine years, Donna Pierce; his daughters, Denise
9 (husband, John) Reid and Delane (husband, Ken) Cathers; his
10 grandchildren, Brandy, Nicholas (wife, LeAnne), Ashley, and
11 Shannon; his great-grandchildren, Sophia and Samantha; his
12 brothers, Jay Pierce and Clyde Pierce; and his sisters, Thelma
13 Cockrill and Louise Rowland; and

14 WHEREAS, Jimmie Lee Pierce will be remembered by all who
15 knew and loved him as a good man who never met a stranger and
16 always had a joke to tell; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Jimmie
20 Lee Pierce; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Jimmie Lee Pierce as an expression
2 of our sympathy.