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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 Thomas J.
4 Hanahan of Prescott, Arizona, formerly of McHenry, who passed
5 away on April 3, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Hanahan was born in Chicago; he always
7 lived each day to the fullest, enjoying traveling, woodworking
8 and carpentry, golfing, sailing, cooking (Brigidini's and
9 Irish Soda Bread were his specialty), and spending quality time
10 with his family; and

11 WHEREAS, He attended St. Ignatius High School in Chicago
12 and graduated from the Carpenter's Apprentice School as
13 journeyman carpenter; he served his country from 1951 to 1953
14 in the United States Navy Seabees in the Korean War; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1964 he was elected to the Illinois State
16 Legislature on an at-large ballot and served the citizens of
17 Illinois for 18 years; he is best remembered as a strong
18 champion for labor issues during his tenure in the legislature;
19 he served as the State Chair for the Young Democrats for the
20 State of Illinois, and was honored to serve as a delegate to
21 the Democratic National Convention in 1968 and again in 1972;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, He worked his way up through the ranks of the
2 International United Brotherhood of Carpenters with the high
3 point serving as Vice President of the Executive Board; he was
4 a 50-plus year active member of both the United Brotherhood of
5 Carpenters Union and the Knights of Columbus; he served as a
6 Grand Knight of the Thomas D. Reilly Council 10668, Hilton Head
7 Island, South Carolina, as a Faithful Navigator of the Hilton
8 Head Assembly of the 4th Degree, and as District Director for
9 the state of South Carolina; he was a current member of the
10 Prescott American Legion Post 6 and of Yavapai Council 1032
11 Knights of Columbus; and

12 WHEREAS, Thomas Hanahan is survived by his beloved wife,
13 Sandee (Schweighart); and his four children, Thomas J. Hanahan
14 III, Karen Holycross and husband, Dan, Connie Molland and
15 husband, Rick, and David Hanahan; his grandchildren, Sarah Bo
16 Morel and husband, Brian and Lindsay Street and husband, Henry
17 Ryan; his great-grandchildren, Aiden and Sophia Morel; his
18 mother, Madeline Hanahan; his brothers, Bob Hanahan and wife,
19 Ida and Phil Hanahan and fiancée, Carole; and his sister,
20 Marilyn Ferro and husband, Enrique; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
23 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of former

1 State Representative Thomas Hanahan; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Thomas Hanahan as a symbol of our
4 sincere sympathy.