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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 Walter  
4 Thomas Morey of Decatur, who passed away on March 18, 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, Walter Thomas Morey was a 1936 graduate of Stephen  
6 Decatur High School; in 1940 he graduated from the University  
7 of Illinois and was elected President of the Student Senate,  
8 Cadet Colonel of the ROTC, and Business Manager of the Illio;  
9 he was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1941, his law studies at Harvard were  
11 interrupted by the outbreak of World War II; he served three  
12 years of active duty with the 36th Field Artillery in North  
13 Africa, Italy, and France; Major Morey's unit was the first to  
14 fire on the mainland of Europe in 1943; he was decorated with  
15 the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and three French Croix de  
16 Guerre, awarded by the French Government; and

17           WHEREAS, In November of 1945, Major Morey returned home and  
18 married Dorothy Page Huff; in 1947, Walter graduated from  
19 Harvard Law School and returned to Decatur to begin work as a  
20 legal counsel for the A.E. Staley Company; and

21           WHEREAS, At the outbreak of the Korean War, he served as a

1 battalion commander in Korea until 1951; upon his return to  
2 Decatur, he practiced law alongside his father; in 1955 he  
3 organized Soy Capital Bank and five years later he founded  
4 Security Savings and Loan; and he was a partner in the  
5 development of Brettwood Village Shopping Center; and

6 WHEREAS, He was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1960  
7 and served six years; over the course of his profession, Walter  
8 was honored to be a Millikin Trustee and member of the  
9 University of Illinois President's Council; he served as  
10 president of the Decatur Bar Association, the Rotary Club, the  
11 United Way of Macon County, and the American Red Cross; and he  
12 served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church; and

13 WHEREAS, After 50 years of tireless work and energy, he  
14 retired in 2005; Walter was an avid lover of history, travel,  
15 adventure, and Tabasco sauce; his sense of humor and challenge  
16 for others to succeed will always be remembered; and

17 WHEREAS, Walter's family includes his wife of sixty-three  
18 years, Dorothy; his three daughters, Madelyn Morey, Cynthia  
19 Smith and her husband Robert C. Smith, and Marcia Morey; his  
20 sister, Barbara Morey Shade; his grandchildren, Sean and  
21 Cassandra Smith, Trevor Smith and Nathan Smith, Rob and Leslie  
22 Gandy, Page Gandy, and Jamie Kerr; and his great-grandson,  
23 Hudson; therefore, be it

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

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Walter Morey as a symbol of our  
7 sincere sympathy.