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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 William  
4 Crocker of Sesser, who passed away on April 18, 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, William Crocker was born on October 25, 1923 in  
6 Scheller; his parents were Raymond and Mary (McBride) Crocker;  
7 he married Dorothy (Payne) Christy on March 4, 1950 in Piggott,  
8 Arkansas; they were divorced in 1956; he married Ruth Ann  
9 (Summers) Eubanks on May 20, 1961 at First Baptist Church in  
10 Sesser; and

11           WHEREAS, William Crocker attended Sesser High School  
12 before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps during World  
13 War II, where he served as an aircraft mechanic in the South  
14 Pacific and was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant;  
15 upon his return to the U.S., he attended Southern Illinois  
16 University Carbondale, taught school, and worked as a  
17 boilermaker in several states, as well as in Venezuela; and

18           WHEREAS, In the late 1950s and 1960s, William Crocker was  
19 the owner of the Crocker Implement Co. in Sesser, where he  
20 operated an Oliver and Massey Ferguson farm equipment  
21 dealership; and

1           WHEREAS, William Crocker was involved in numerous civic  
2 organizations and government agencies, but he was most proud of  
3 his service as Goode Township supervisor for the past 28 years;  
4 he was re-elected to another four-year term in April of 2008;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, William Crocker was honored by the Masonic Order  
7 for his 50 years of service on March 31, 2009; and

8           WHEREAS, William Crocker enjoyed being with his family,  
9 gardening, and discussing government with his friends at the  
10 local coffee shop, where he was known as "Mr. Democrat"; and

11           WHEREAS, William Crocker is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann  
12 (Summers) Crocker; his sons, Carl Crocker, married to Kathy  
13 (Loucks), William "Bid" Crocker Jr., married to Lisa (Cockrum),  
14 and Jeffery Crocker; his daughter, Susan (Crocker), married to  
15 Mike Summers; his step-sons, Mike Eubanks, married to JoAnna  
16 (Bisselle), and Ritchie Eubanks; he is the proud grandfather of  
17 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; he is also survived  
18 by his siblings, Dorothy Moody, Clara Brown, Elmer Crocker, and  
19 Burton Crocker; therefore, be it

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

1 William Crocker; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of William Crocker as an expression of  
4 our sympathy.