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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Walter E. Skilbeck of Springfield, who passed away on March 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Walter Evans Skilbeck was born November 4, 1916, in Trenton to Fred and Grace Hill Skilbeck; and

WHEREAS, He married Juanita Ora Fricke on October 5, 1966; following high school Walter served his country in the United States Army as a PFC in Company E, 17th Regiment, Seventh Infantry Division, during World War II; he was awarded 4 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for campaigns in the South Philippines, Ryukyus, and the Aleutian Islands; h was wounded in Leyte, on December 25, 1944, and Okinawa on April 23, 1945; and

WHEREAS, After he returned home from serving his country, he was a bus driver with Springfield Mass Transit, a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service for 16 years before retiring in 1980, and a paper carrier for The State Journal-Register; he was a member of Calvary Temple Christian Center; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife;

1 his brothers, Howard and Carl; and his sisters, Eva, Goldie,
2 and Nelda; and

3 WHEREAS, Walter Skilbeck is survived by his stepson,
4 Russell (wife, Linda) Dickerson; his son, David Skilbeck; his
5 brother-in-law, Frank Montalbano; his sister-in-law, Ruby
6 Skilbeck; his step-grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew; and
7 several nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and
8 nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Walter
12 Skilbeck; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Walter Skilbeck as a symbol of our
15 sincere sympathy.