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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 Russell
4 Edward Christian of Grayslake, who passed away on August 8,
5 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Russell Christian was born in Waukegan on
7 September 5, 1928; his parents were Stanley and Hazel (nee
8 Kapheim) Christian; he married Shirley Oilschlager on February
9 27, 1965, in Lindenhurst; and

10 WHEREAS, Russell Christian graduated from Waukegan High
11 School in 1946; he served his country with pride and
12 distinction as a member of the United States Army's 11th
13 Airborne Division; and

14 WHEREAS, Russell Christian served as an accounting
15 supervisor with the Frank G. Hough Company/International
16 Harvester/Dresser Industries in Libertyville for many years
17 until his retirement in 1987; in 1989, he was elected to the
18 position of Avon Township supervisor, serving the residents of
19 the Round Lake communities, Hainesville, Grayslake, Third Lake
20 and surrounding unincorporated areas; he served in that
21 position until April of 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, Russell Christian was a charter member of the VFW
2 Ron Hill Memorial Post 2245; he served on the Grayslake High
3 School Board of Education and served as a Grayslake Village
4 trustee for 12 years; he served as executive director of the
5 Grayslake Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member and
6 chairman of the Grayslake Economic Development Commission; he
7 was active in the Grayslake Lions Club, the Military Order of
8 the Cooties Pup Tent IL081, the American Legion Post 0659, and
9 the St. Therese Janssen Foundation Board of Directors; he was
10 also a charter member of the Grayslake Kiwanis Club and a
11 member of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Russell Christian is fondly remembered by many in
13 the Round Lake and Grayslake areas as "Santa", a role that gave
14 him much pleasure; and

15 WHEREAS, Russell Christian was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald and
17 Rosella Oilschlager; his brother, Richard Christian; and his
18 grandson, Grant Russell Christian; and

19 WHEREAS, Russell Christian is survived by his loving wife
20 of 45 years, Shirley; his children, Karen (Kirk Smith)
21 Christian Smith, John (Shelly) Christian, and Patti Gail (Jack
22 Wells) Byers; his grandchildren, Lucas and Alec Christian,
23 Benjamin and Molly Smith, Michael (Lisa) Lessard, and Joshua

1 (Freddie) Johnson; and his 2 great-grandchildren; therefore,
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
6 Russell Edward Christian; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Russell Christian as an expression
9 of our sympathy.