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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 Stephen
4 Ray Hartman of St. Joseph, who passed away on May 31, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, He was born on October 20, 1946, in Paxton, a son
6 of Lyon Weldon Hartman and Dorothy Fritzen Hartman; he
7 graduated from Champaign High School in 1964, and from the
8 University of Illinois in 1969, with a degree in ornamental
9 horticulture; after graduation, he began his 42-year career as
10 a self-employed real estate developer; and

11 WHEREAS, In the early years, he built houses, room
12 additions, and small apartment buildings; he later specialized
13 in campus apartments, eventually joining his brothers, Jeffrey
14 Hartman and Michael Hartman, to form JSM Apartments and other
15 partnership entities; he was an integral part of the Campustown
16 2000 Green Street improvement initiative; he was a loyal
17 Illini, a lifetime member of the President's Council, and a
18 member of the Loyalty Circle; he loved to wear his orange and
19 blue and cheer on the football and basketball teams; and

20 WHEREAS, He sailed Flying Scot sailboats and participated
21 in many one-design regattas; he especially loved to go to the
22 mid-winter regatta in Florida; for years he helped host the

1 Glow-In-The-Dark Regatta at Clinton Lake, with Flying Scot
2 sailors coming from all over the country; and

3 WHEREAS, He is remembered as having a "larger than life"
4 personality; he was always active in the community; he was a
5 member of the St. Joseph-Ogden School Board for 12 years; he
6 was interested and involved in Parkland College, and served
7 multiple terms on the Parkland College Foundation Board; and he
8 was Chair of the local Republican Party for some time; and

9 WHEREAS, He loved to travel, especially to Paris and
10 Bavaria; he was an avid gardener, recently starting an
11 orchid-growing hobby; he was proud of his ability to tie many
12 kinds of knots; the Doobie Brothers, Rolling Stones, and any
13 kind of vintage rock, was always playing in the background of
14 the euchre games; he was a true foodie, with an extensive menu
15 collection; he was an accomplished cook and could turn out
16 dozens of the world's best cheeseburgers; and

17 WHEREAS, He loved the Boy Scouts; he was active in scouting
18 for decades; he started as a Webelos leader of Pack 40 in St.
19 Joseph, he progressed to Troop 40 Troop Committee, Scoutmaster,
20 then Assistant Scoutmaster; he guided his son, Dennis, through
21 becoming an Eagle Scout; he was active in many projects at Camp
22 Drake, and cooked for many Klondike Derbies and other events;
23 he was a Vigil member of Order of the Arrow; in 2001, he

1 received the Silver Beaver, the highest award a volunteer can
2 attain; and

3 WHEREAS, Stephen Hartman is survived by his wife, Laura;
4 his daughter, Marianne L. Hartman Tichenor (Christopher); his
5 son, Peter E. Hartman (Melissa Johnson Hartman); his daughter,
6 Nancy E. Bussell (Eric); his son, Dennis R. Hartman (Andrea
7 Wilbon Hartman); his grandchildren, Colette and Conrad
8 Tichenor; his brothers, Michael R. Hartman (Debra) and Jeffrey
9 R. Hartman (Sarah); his nephews, Christopher Hartman (Gozen),
10 Patrick Hartman (Leslie), and Andrew Hartman; his nieces,
11 Rachel Hartman, Lauren Hartman, and Michelle Ferrell; and many
12 other young people in the community who might as well be his
13 sons/daughters; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
17 Stephen Hartman; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Stephen Hartman as a symbol of our
20 sincere sympathy.