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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 James L.  
4 "Jim" Crates, who passed away on December 12, 2011; and

5           WHEREAS, James Crates was born on November 24, 1940, in  
6 McComb, Ohio; his parents were Henry and Florence (Byal)  
7 Crates; he married Carole Lingrel on Aug. 28, 1965, in Kenton,  
8 Ohio; and

9           WHEREAS, James Crates was a 1958 graduate of Kenton High  
10 School; he earned his bachelor of arts from Ohio Northern  
11 University (ONU) in 1962 and his Juris Doctorate from the ONU  
12 Petit College of Law in 1965; he also served on the Advisory  
13 Board of ONU's College of Arts and Science; and

14           WHEREAS, James Crates served as an Army JAG with the  
15 Military District of Washington, D.C., and the 8th Army in  
16 Seoul, Korea from 1966 to 1970; he entered the service as a  
17 first lieutenant and was subsequently promoted to captain; he  
18 received the Army Commendation Medal for his meritorious  
19 service; and

20           WHEREAS, James Crates practiced law in Kenton, Ohio with  
21 Paul McKinley Sr. and Paul McKinley Jr. since 1970; he was

1 admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in  
2 1968 and served as Hardin County Prosecuting Attorney from 1972  
3 to 1976; he was also a member of the Hardin County Bar  
4 Association, executive chairman of the Hardin County  
5 Republican Party, and a Pleasant Township committeeman; and

6 WHEREAS, James Crates was a board member of Mount Victory  
7 State Bank, the Veterans Memorial Park District, and the Hardin  
8 County Board of Elections; he was also a member of Kenton Elks  
9 157 (past exalted ruler from 1978-1979 and board of trustees),  
10 the Indian Lake Moose Lodge, the Lions Club, Latham Masonic  
11 Lodge No. 157 at Kenton, the Aladdin Shrine, the Hardin County  
12 Shrine Club, American Legion Post 198, Amvets Post 20, and a  
13 35-year-member of Wolf Creek Grange; and

14 WHEREAS, James Crates enjoyed his cottage, boating and  
15 entertaining his friends at Long Island, Indian Lake, and the  
16 activities his grandchildren were involved in; and

17 WHEREAS, James Crates was preceded in death by his brother,  
18 Daniel Crates and his father-in-law, LaMoyne Lingrel; and

19 WHEREAS, James Crates is survived by his wife; his son,  
20 Britton (Nancy) Crates; his daughter, Ashley (Scott)  
21 Borgemenke; his granddaughters, Kate and Jane Borgemenke and  
22 Taylor and Peyton Crates; his brothers, Roger (Ruth) Crates and

1 Randy Crates; his sister-in-law, Dorma Crates; and his  
2 mother-in-law, Alice Lingrel; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
6 James L. "Jim" Crates; and be it further

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