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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert "Bob" Covey of Crystal Lake, who passed away on March 5, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Covey was born on January 21, 1921, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; his parents were Bessie and David Covey; he married Mary Elizabeth Karlen on June 3, 1943, in Madison, Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a proud member of the United States Navy, where he served in the Pacific during World War II; he attained the rank of lieutenant and served aboard the USS President Adams; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a member of the McHenry County Bar Association; he was a partner in the law firm of Covey, McKinney, and Powers and a partner in the law firm of Covey and Covey; he was also president and chairman of the Board of First Federal Savings and Loan of Crystal Lake, vice president of First Federal of Chicago, and vice president of Citibank; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Covey served as the president of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce in 1951 and was a chamber member for

1 63 years; and

2 WHEREAS, The Crystal Lake Chamber's Business of the Year
3 Award was established in 2003 in Bob Covey's name; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1993, Bob Covey received the Citizen of the
5 Year Award; in 2009, he received the Crystal Lake Chamber's
6 Carl E. Wehde Award; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was the founding director and president
8 of the Crystal Lake United Way and director and president of
9 the McHenry County United Way; he was also the founding
10 director and president of Crime Stoppers in 1983; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Covey served on the McHenry County Board from
12 1985 to 1994 and served as co-chairman of the Crystal Lake All
13 America City Campaign; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a 63-year member of the Crystal Lake
15 Lion's Club, where he served as president from 1964 to 1965; he
16 was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the
17 Distinguished Service Award, and the Member of the Year Award
18 for 2003-2004; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob Covey served as the Board of Education
20 President for School District 47 in Crystal Lake from 1951 to

1 1961 and was the Northern Division Committee Chairman of Junior
2 Achievement of Chicago from 1980 to 1981; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a member of the Crystal Lake
4 Jaycees, where he was a recipient of the Distinguished Service
5 Award; he was a member of the Nunda Masonic Lodge; he was a
6 32nd Degree Mason and the recipient of the Shriners 50-Year
7 Member Award; he was also a member of Napkin Ring for 40 years;
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9 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was honored as the Grand Marshal of the
10 Crystal Lake Gala Fourth of July Parade in 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a 50-year ticket holder for his
12 beloved University of Wisconsin Badgers; and

13 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a member of First Congregational
14 Church of Crystal Lake, where he served as chairman of the
15 Board of Directors, chairman of the Governing Board, and taught
16 Sunday School; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was preceded in death by his beloved
18 wife of 61 years, Mary Elizabeth Covey; his parents, David and
19 Bessie Covey; and his brother, Paul Covey; and

20 WHEREAS, Bob Covey is survived by his children, Karlen

1 Covey, Kathleen M. Euler, Carol A. Beard, and Christopher G.
2 Covey; his grandchildren, Kelly Breihan, Heather Sorensen,
3 Donald Donner, Regan Bruski, John Euler, Michael Euler, Celeste
4 Sollenberger, Dwight Beard and Clayton Beard; and his 21
5 great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a true gentleman who loved his
7 family, his community, his church, his friends, traveling, and
8 playing bridge; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Covey was a community leader and
10 philanthropist who left a priceless legacy for the people of
11 Crystal Lake and McHenry County; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we mourn the passing of Bob Covey and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Bob Covey as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy and most sincere appreciation of his community
20 spirit.