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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to hear of the passing of John P.  
4 Gardner, Sr. of East Peoria and wish to honor his life and pay  
5 tribute to this very special man; and

6           WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. was born on May 18, 1950 in  
7 Peoria; his parents were Charles and Erna (nee Moeller)  
8 Gardner; and

9           WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. was president of and a longtime  
10 electrician at Oberlander Electric Company, Inc. in East  
11 Peoria, where he managed the business for his father,  
12 "Charlie", and helped it grow into what it is today; and

13           WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. enjoyed many hobbies, including  
14 golfing, all things motorcycles, R/C boats and airplanes,  
15 go-karts, and piloting airplanes; and

16           WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. had a deep passion for sports;  
17 he was an Illinois State flat track motorcycle champion, a flag  
18 man at the Peoria Speedway, a die-hard Bradley Braves fan, and  
19 an original Bradley Scholarship Society member; and

20           WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. was also deeply involved in his

1 community as a board member on the East Peoria Chamber of  
2 Commerce and the Pekin Country Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Because of John Gardner, Sr.'s vision,  
4 leadership, and tenacity, the City of East Peoria enjoys a  
5 wonderful Riverfront Memorial for its veterans that is seen  
6 from both Peoria and East Peoria's downtown area; and

7 WHEREAS, John Gardner, Sr. is survived by his fiancée,  
8 Josie Fincham; 2 sons, John Gardner, Jr. and Bob Gardner; 2  
9 brothers, Jim Gardner and Steve Gardner; and a sister, Terri  
10 Jones; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 mourn the passing of John P. Gardner, Sr. and extend our  
14 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all of those  
15 who knew and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of John Gardner as an expression of our  
18 respect and deepest sympathies.