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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to recognize the service of Lamar Houston; 4 and

5 WHEREAS, Lamar Houston has been a resident of Southern 6 Illinois for 65 years and has been a constant resource for the 7 residents of Alexander County; he donates his time, wisdom, and 8 knowledge to help in any way he can; and

WHEREAS, Lamar Houston retired from the Southern Illinois Electric Co-Op in 2013 after 40 years of service as a Lineman and Utility Serviceman; he treated his customers in Alexander, Union, Johnson, Pulaski, and Massac counties as family; and

WHEREAS, Lamar Houston was a friend to all and never met a stranger; and

WHEREAS, Lamar Houston has been a member of the Shawnee College Foundation Board, the Alexander County Board, the MAP Board, the Southern Five Board, and the Village of Tamms Board; he was the interim Mayor of Tamms and assisted residents during the 2011 flood in Olive Branch; he has been a member of the Egyptian School Board for many years, serving as President for the last eight; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Lamar Houston coached softball and refereed
- 2 basketball; he spent countless hours teaching and guiding the
- 3 youth in this area; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lamar Houston mows the lawn of elderly residents
- 5 each year without pay; he spends time with young people in and
- outside the school encouraging them to be and to do their best;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Lamar Houston and his wife, Connie (Nelson) have
- 9 been married for 38 years; they have three children, Derek,
- 10 Kimberlee, and Leslie, and four grandchildren, Kourtney, Ava,
- 11 Carter, and Kamryn; therefore, be it
- 12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 14 recognize the service of Lamar Houston, and we wish him many
- more wonderful years; and be it further
- 16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 17 presented to Lamar Houston as an expression of our esteem and
- 18 respect.