

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Robert "Bob" McGarry, who passed
5 away on January 22, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert McGarry was born on June 4, 1927, in
7 Alexander, North Dakota to John Henry and Ada Catherine
8 McGarry; he married Lois Ann Evanson on August 30, 1950 in
9 East Grand Forks, Minnesota; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McGarry served in the United States Navy
11 aboard the USS Missouri during World War II; after his
12 military service, he returned to Grand Forks and worked as a
13 printer's apprentice; he later moved to Milwaukee and worked
14 as a printer at the Milwaukee Journal for 10 years; he then
15 served as president of Local 13 Typographical Union for 13
16 years; and

17 WHEREAS, After moving to Harvard in 1976, Mr. McGarry
18 bought the Harvard Bowling Alley, which he owned and operated
19 with his wife until his retirement in 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. McGarry was active in the McHenry County
21 Democratic Party, serving as the party's vice chairman and
22 chairman; he was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church
23 of Harvard, Harvard Moose Lodge 1289, and American Legion
24 Post 265; he was also a former member of the Harvard Zoning
25 Board and a driver for the Meals on Wheels program; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. McGarry was well-liked despite being a
27 Democrat in a mostly Republican county and a Packers fan in
28 Illinois; he always was able to keep things in perspective;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. McGarry also enjoyed gardening, reading, and
31 playing horseshoes; he was an avid bowler, having bowled a

1 score of 300 in 1955; he also enjoyed spending time with his
2 grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Robert McGarry will be deeply
4 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of
5 more than 50 years, Lois; his children, Kevin (Joan), Sean
6 (Penny), Molly (Claude) Henderson, Katie (fiance, Mark
7 Gullickson) Morris, Maureen (John) Schultz, Chad (Kristy),
8 Bridget (fiance Jason Dalton) Bowman, and Brendan McGarry;
9 his 22 grandchildren; his 4 step-grandchildren; his 2
10 great-grandchildren; his 5 step-great-grandchildren; his
11 sisters, Marge Larson, Katherine (Joseph) Martineau, and Ruth
12 (Gordon) Moo; his brother, William (Maxine) McGarry; and his
13 many nieces and nephews; and

14 WHEREAS, In many ways, Robert McGarry's life was one of
15 bringing unity to people; he was a friend to everyone he
16 encountered; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Robert
20 McGarry of Harvard, Illinois; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Robert McGarry with our sincere
23 condolences.