

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express their sincerest condolences  
4 to the family and friends of former State Representative A.T.  
5 "Tom" McMaster, who passed away on September 3, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, A.T. McMaster was born on June 21, 1918 near  
7 Oneida, Illinois to Arthur T, and Hannah R. Eck McMaster; he  
8 married Mary Catherine O'Connor on June 17, 1943, in Wataga;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Representative McMaster attended grade school in  
11 Copley Township, graduated from Oneida High School, and  
12 attended Knox College; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative McMaster was a farmer in Copley  
14 Township, Knox County; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative McMaster was active in State and  
16 local politics for 33 years, starting in 1952 as township  
17 assessor, and served on the Knox County Board of Supervisors  
18 for 10 years, serving as chairman for four years; in 1971, he  
19 began the first of eight terms as State representative of the  
20 73rd District of the Illinois House of Representatives and  
21 was known for his work with land reclamation and strip mines;  
22 he retired in 1987; and

23 WHEREAS, In November 1999, State Representative Don  
24 Moffitt and State Senator Carl Hawkinson worked with the  
25 Illinois Department of Natural Resources to rename Snakeden  
26 Hollow Lake after Representative McMaster; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative McMaster was a member of First  
28 United Presbyterian Church, the Oneida Masonic Lodge 337, the  
29 Knox County Farm Bureau, the former Oneida Lions Club, Phi  
30 Delta Theta Fraternity, and the Knox College 50 Year Club;  
31 and

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Representative A.T. McMaster will  
2 be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his  
3 wife, Catherine McMaster; his sons, Tom (wife, Deanie)  
4 McMaster and Jim McMaster; his daughters, Mary (husband,  
5 Barry) Stein, Peg (husband, Roger) Wenstrom, and Marti  
6 (husband, David) Hurst; his sister, Eve Verg; his 14  
7 grandchildren; and his 4 great-grandchildren; therefore, be  
8 it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of former  
12 State Representative A.T. "Tom" McMaster of Oneida, Illinois;  
13 and be it further

14           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of former State Representative A.T.  
16 McMaster with our sincere condolences.