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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Airsman-Hires Funeral Homes on the occasion of celebrating 50 years of business; and

WHEREAS, The company that became Airsman-Hires Funeral Homes was started by Terry and Mary Beth Airsman after they purchased the original Wolfe-Airsman Funeral Home in Roodhouse and the Dawdy-Wolf-Airsman Funeral Home in White Hall, both located in Greene County, in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Meanwhile, the Hires Funeral Home was owned and operated by Jess and Niela Hires in Carrollton, also located in Greene County; and

WHEREAS, Airsman-Hires Funeral Homes was formed by Terry Airsman and Jess Hires in order to minimize costs and improve efficiency on March 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Terry Airsman and Jess Hires proceeded to buy the former Mehl Funeral Home in Carrollton, the Neece Funeral Homes in Franklin and Waverly, and the Stults-Neece Funeral Home in Palmyra; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Airsman-Hires Funeral Homes purchased

1 the Williamson Funeral Home in Jacksonville from Harlan
2 Williamson, and the Airsman family moved to Jacksonville to
3 operate it; and

4 WHEREAS, Airsman-Hires Funeral Homes additionally expanded
5 to include the Skinner Funeral Home in Griggsville in 1986,
6 the Lummis Funeral Home in Pittsfield in 1993, the Coonrod
7 Funeral Home in Winchester in 1994, and the Sager Funeral Home
8 in Beardstown in 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, While Jess Hires retired in 1992, Airsman-Hires
10 Funeral Homes remains family-owned and operated today under
11 the guidance of Terry and Mary Beth Airsman and their daughter
12 and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Greg May, with Denton Coonrod
13 and Wyatt and Trisha Sager still providing funeral service in
14 their respective communities; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Airsman-Hires Funeral Homes on celebrating 50
18 years of business, and we wish the company continued success
19 in the years to come; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we congratulate the Airsman and Hires
21 families for their company's remarkable growth and ongoing
22 legacy; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Airsman and Hires families as an expression
3 of our respect and esteem.