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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Richard L. "Dick" Budde of Joliet on Wednesday, March 12, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Budde was born on a farm in Jackson Township to Leo and Ida (nee Wilhelmi) Budde; he was a lifelong Joliet area resident; he graduated from Joliet Catholic High School and Lewis University; he and his wife Marilyn, the Joliet Township Clerk, were married for 45 years; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Budde valiantly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War as a medic in Iceland; in the 1960s, he was an investigator with the U.S. Civil Service Commission; he monitored elections and voter registration in the South; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Budde had served on the Will County Board since 1982 and was most recently re-elected to a four year term in November; he first entered politics as a precinct committeeman and he also served as Democratic Minority Leader; and

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WHEREAS, During his service on the Will County Board, Mr. Budde earned the reputation of "County Watchdog" for his practice of persistent questioning concerning County Board issues; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Budde worked as a residential and commercial realtor for over 30 years in Joliet, most recently with Coldwell Banker Honig Bell Realty; he was a member of the Will County Board of Realtors and its Committees on Professional Standards and Legislation; he was a member of the American Legion Post #1080 and the Knights of Columbus Council #12014; he was an usher at St. Paul the Apostle

1 Catholic Church and a former board member for United Cerebral
2 Palsy of Will County and the Elks Lodge #296; he was an avid
3 bass fisherman; and

4 WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Budde has been deeply felt by
5 all who knew him, especially his wife, Marilyn J. Budde; his
6 four sons, Michael (Terri), Daniel (Vickie), Thomas
7 (Juliann), and Kurt Budde; his seven grandchildren, Rachel,
8 Sean, Zachary, Lauren, Allison, D.J., and Jack; and his
9 sister, Sylvia (Mackey) Norman; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of Richard L. "Dick" Budde and extend to
13 his family and friends our sincere condolences; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Richard L. "Dick" Budde as an
17 expression of our deepest sympathy.