

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Elam  
4 Adelbert King Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri on September 8,  
5 2003; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. King was born on May 25, 1927 in St. Louis,  
7 Missouri to the late Elam and Aura (Henderson) King; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. King was a 1944 graduate of Charles Sumner  
9 High School; he served in the United States Army from  
10 1945-1946; he later attended Tucker Business College and St.  
11 Louis University; he was employed at the Military Personnel  
12 Records Center for 34 years, Lucas Power Industries for 10  
13 years, and Schaefer's Hobby Shop for 5 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. King lived a full and active life that  
15 consisted of hobbies such as fishing, hunting, photography,  
16 and building model vehicles; he also sang for several area  
17 choirs which included the Walton Choraliers, the Eugene B.  
18 Holmes Octet, the Sons of Thunder, and the St. James A.M.E.  
19 Church Choir; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. King had a wide ranging and embracing  
21 intelligence, a direct and purposeful manner, and unerring  
22 moral compass; he was known for his clever and unconventional  
23 sense of humor that, at times, he enjoyed more than anyone;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Elam King Jr.'s passing will be deeply felt  
26 by many, especially his loving wife of 55 years, Eddie  
27 Louise; his children, Doris and Elam III; his  
28 daughter-in-law, Patricia; his grandsons, Elam IV and Eric;  
29 his brother, John Henry (Alean); his nephews, Luther and  
30 Gary (Alriana) Maufas; James (Demetra) King; his  
31 brothers-in-law, Arthur, James (LaVerne), and Robert (Jean)

1 Williams; his cousin, Elsie Wall; and a host of nieces,  
2 nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his two sisters,  
4 Reba Maufas and Alice Fowler; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we mourn the death of Elam Adelbert King, Jr. along with all  
8 who knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to  
9 his family and friends; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Elam Adelbert King, Jr. as an  
12 expression of our deepest sympathy.