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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of retired  
4 police lieutenant James N. Gentry of Decatur, who passed away  
5 on January 18, 2007; and

6           WHEREAS, James Gentry was born on November 29, 1931; his  
7 parents were Fred and Luella Arnold Gentry; he married Sandra  
8 Sue Michaels on September 23, 1956; and

9           WHEREAS, He served in the United States Navy and was an  
10 Electronics Mate aboard the U.S.S. Midway; and

11           WHEREAS, James Gentry was a graduate of Richland Community  
12 College, attended Millikin University, and graduated from  
13 Northwestern University Traffic Institute; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry joined the Decatur Police Department in  
15 1956; he worked as a Patrolman, Detective, Juvenile Officer,  
16 and Sergeant; upon graduation from Northwestern University  
17 Traffic Institute he was promoted to Lieutenant and retired in  
18 1986 in that position; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry was a life member of the Police  
20 Benevolent and Protective Association, the First Christian

1 Church, was President of the Decatur Shrine Club, Exalted Ruler  
2 B.P.O.E. #401, a Commander of the American Legion, and a member  
3 of the Moose Lodge; and

4 WHEREAS, He was instrumental in building the memorial on  
5 the grounds of the Macon County Courthouse, where his father's  
6 name, his brother Jack's name, and his name are all inscribed;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, He was a Fighting Illini fan and attended many of  
9 their football and basketball games; he was a St. Louis  
10 Cardinals fan; he loved Jeff Gordon and Nascar; he loved golf,  
11 sometimes playing 3 or 4 times a week; he loved all kinds of  
12 music; he loved gardening and his flowers; and he loved people,  
13 never meeting a stranger; and

14 WHEREAS, He was an active member of the Republican Party,  
15 serving as a precinct committeeman; he was a member of the  
16 National Rifle Association, the Royal Order of Court Jesters  
17 20, and was on the board of the Police Training Institute in  
18 Champaign; and

19 WHEREAS, James Gentry was preceded in death by his parents;  
20 his brother, Fred Jr., and his sister, Betty; and

21 WHEREAS, James Gentry is survived by his wife, Sandra; his

1 son, James N. II, and his wife, Okanna, and their children,  
2 Adam, Colin, and Katherine; his daughter, Amy Dianne Brown and  
3 her husband, Bill, and their children, Claire, Ryan, and  
4 William; his brothers, Jack and C. Lyle; and his sisters,  
5 Shirley Thurber, and Avis Hallock; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of James  
9 N. Gentry; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of James N. Gentry as a symbol of our  
12 sympathy.