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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Earl Struck of Springfield, who passed away on August 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Earl Struck was born on September 30, 1943, in Murphysboro; he was the son of William John and Goldia Wayman Struck; he married Sherry Winn on July 9, 1976, in Normal; and

WHEREAS, Earl Struck graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, Earl Struck was President and chief executive officer of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives; in his position as President and CEO, Mr. Struck directed a staff of professional and support personnel that provide specialized utility service to the 24 not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives operating in Illinois; with more than 54,117 miles of line, the Association's members provide electric service to more than 600,000 Illinoisans, located in 86 Illinois counties; and

WHEREAS, Before assuming responsibilities as the

1 Association's CEO, he was responsible for directing the
2 governmental affairs program for Illinois electric
3 cooperatives at the State and national level; prior to joining
4 the AIEC, he served on the legislative staff of the Illinois
5 Farm Bureau; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Struck was well-known in the State House and
7 was a former Speaker of the Illinois Third House, the
8 organization of all Illinois lobbyists; he served on a variety
9 of national electric cooperative committees and task forces, as
10 well as several advisory committees to the Illinois General
11 Assembly; and

12 WHEREAS, Earl Struck served on the Governor's Commission to
13 Study Property Tax Reform and on the Blue Ribbon Commission to
14 Study Elementary and Secondary Public Education Finance; and

15 WHEREAS, Earl Struck was a member of the Shriners and a
16 member of the Masonic Lodge; and

17 WHEREAS, Earl Struck was preceded in death by his parents;
18 the passing of Earl Struck will be deeply felt by all those who
19 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Sherry; his daughter,
20 Amy (Mark) Kluemke; his sons, William Struck and Brad Winn; his
21 grandchildren, Drew Kluemke, Anna Kluemke, Leah Kluemke,
22 Peyton Struck, and Allison Struck; his brother, William (Kathy)

1 Struck; his mother-in-law, Irene Fonger; his sister-in-law,
2 Marilyn (David) Walker; and several aunts, uncles, nieces,
3 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Earl
7 Struck; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Earl Struck as an expression of our
10 sympathy.