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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 G. Phil
4 Heckel of Carterville, who passed away on January 28, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, G. Phil Heckel was born June 25, 1914, in
6 Carterville, to A.G. and Linda (Alford) Heckel; he married Ruth
7 Stefanoff on August 8, 1939, in Belleville; and

8 WHEREAS, He honorably served his country in the United
9 States Navy during World War II as a 1st class aviation
10 storekeeper aboard the USS Fortune; he owned and operated
11 Heckel's Department Store for over 50 years, and he owned Crab
12 Orchard Golf Club, which he operated with his son, Steve; he
13 served on the board and was past president of Carterville State
14 and Savings Bank for over 50 years; and

15 WHEREAS, He was a 50-year member and past president of the
16 Carterville Lions Club and also served on the Williamson County
17 Airport Authority Board for 24 years; he attended SIU and the
18 University of Illinois; he was a staunch supporter of the
19 Carterville School system, John A. Logan College, and Southern
20 Illinois University; he also served on the Carterville School
21 Board and was helpful in getting John A. Logan College
22 established in Carterville; he was a member of the Carterville

1 Presbyterian Church; and he was an avid golfer; and

2 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents and
3 brothers, Alford, Charles, and Eugene; and

4 WHEREAS, Phil Heckel is survived by his wife, Ruth; his
5 son, Stephen and life companion, Jura Perkins; his daughter and
6 son-in-law, Linda and Bob Coffield; his grandchildren, Matt and
7 Tammy Heckel, Laura and Rob Reynolds, and Amy Coffield and
8 fiancé, Doug Owens; and Phillip Heckel; his
9 great-grandchildren, Hannah, Jonathan, and Kate Heckel, and
10 Amanda, Emily, and Sarah Reynolds; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of G.
14 Phil Heckel; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of G. Phil Heckel as a symbol of our
17 sincere sympathy.