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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 Bill
4 Wilson of West Frankfort, who passed away on October 30, 2011;
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6 WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was a graduate of Benton High School;
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8 WHEREAS, Bill Wilson began his career at the Franklin
9 Sheriff's Department in 1972 and served as a deputy and chief
10 deputy before his election as sheriff in 1990; he retired at
11 the end of his term in 2010 after almost 3 decades of dedicated
12 service; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill Wilson served as president of the Illinois
14 Sheriffs' Association for one term; he was also an ISA
15 executive board member since 1997, becoming the group's
16 president in 2008; and

17 WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was a tireless worker in building a
18 juvenile detention center in Franklin County, which now serves
19 26 southern Illinois counties; he also initiated a Drug Abuse
20 Resistance Education program to teach county children about
21 living drug-free; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was known for his culinary skills and
2 cooked frequently for his department, for sheriffs'
3 association events, and at Franklin County functions; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Wilson is survived by his wife, Cathy; his
5 daughter, Danalyn, and her husband, Dennis West; his grandsons,
6 Harley and Evan West; his sisters, Sally and her husband, Duane
7 Revis, and Nancy Cockrum; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
11 Bill Wilson; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Bill Wilson as an expression of our
14 sympathy.