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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Macauley G. "Mackie" Nicholes, who passed away on July 22, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Macauley Nicholes was born on March 31, 1943 in Lowell, Massachusetts; his parents were Robert Gilliland Nicholes and Clair Macauley Nicholes; he married Roxanna Buse in 1968 in Mason City; and

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WHEREAS, Macauley Nicholes graduated from Easley High School in Easley, South Carolina; he subsequently attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, where he played football and earned his Associate of Arts degree, and Bethel College in McKenzie, Tennessee, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree; and

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WHEREAS, After college, Macauley Nicholes began his teaching career in Atlanta, Georgia before moving to positions in Chicago and Lake Ridge, Indiana; he and his wife taught in northern Indiana for 3 1/2 years before moving to Harrisburg in 1972 to open a Monical's Pizza Restaurant, which was later renamed "Mackie's Pizza"; and

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WHEREAS, Shortly after moving to Harrisburg, Macauley

1 Nicholes went to the local radio station and offered to
2 broadcast the high school games; with the help of his good
3 friend and mentor, Bill Franks, he purchased WEBQ (Rock 100),
4 which enabled him to broadcast many games and sports shows,
5 including SIU basketball and Illinois Football with Dick
6 Butkus; during this time, he also served as director of the
7 Illinois Broadcasting Association; and

8 WHEREAS, In the early 1980's, Macauley Nicholes traded WEBQ
9 for WSIL-TV, which he owned with 3 partners; after the TV
10 business was sold, he opened Thunderbird Travel, which was
11 later renamed Saluki Travel; during this time, he traveled
12 extensively, visiting over 100 countries all over the world;
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14 WHEREAS, Macauley Nicholes was a member of the Harrisburg
15 Lodge No. 325 Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons and the
16 Harrisburg Rotary Club for over 40 years; in 2012, he received
17 the Paul Harris Fellow Award; he was also a member of First
18 Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg and served as a director on
19 the Southern Illinois College Foundation Board for several
20 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Macauley Nicholes enjoyed sports, playing
22 basketball, football, baseball, and golf, and announcing games
23 on the radio; and

1 WHEREAS, Macauley Nicholes was preceded in death by his
2 twin brother, Gilliland Macauley Nicholes, and his parents,
3 Robert and Claire; and

4 WHEREAS, Macauley Nicholes is survived by his wife,
5 Roxanna; his sons, Robbie Nicholes and Martin (Whitney)
6 Nicholes; his daughter, Nancy (Rick) Owen; his beloved
7 grandchildren, Hampton Macauley Owen, Frankie Leigh Nicholes,
8 and Quincy Roxanna Nicholes; and his loyal dogs, Biscuit and
9 Muffin; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
13 Macauley G. "Mackie" Nicholes; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Macauley Nicholes as an expression
16 of our sympathy.