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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 former
4 United States Representative Kenneth J. Gray, who passed away
5 on July 12, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Gray was born on November 14, 1924
7 in West Frankfort to Thomas and Anna (Reed) Gray; he graduated
8 from Frankfort High School, and served in the United States Air
9 Force during World War II; he married Gwendolyn June Gray and
10 she preceded him in passing; he later married Margaret "Toedy"
11 Holley-Gray; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Gray was first elected to Congress
13 in 1954 and served 10 terms, retiring in 1974; he returned to
14 Congress in 1984 and served 2 additional terms; he was known
15 for bringing federal projects to his depressed district,
16 including a federal prison, an interstate highway, post
17 offices, and hospitals; he helped write the Interstate Highway
18 Act that President Eisenhower signed in 1956, and, in 2008, a
19 portion of Interstate 57 in Southern Illinois was named the
20 "Ken Gray Expressway"; Gray brought 7 presidents to Southern
21 Illinois; he earned the nickname the "Prince of Pork" for
22 bringing \$7 billion in projects to his district; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Gray attended the Christian
2 Worship Center in West Frankfort; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Gray was preceded in death by his
4 parents; his first wife, Gwendolyn June Gray; a son, James K.
5 Gray; daughter, Marble Joiner; two brothers, Ralph and Paul
6 Gray; and a son-in-law, Bill Clay; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Gray is survived by his wife,
8 Margaret "Toedy" Holley-Gray; daughters, Diann (Mike)
9 Jasinski, Becky Gray Clay, and Candy McKeithen; grandchildren,
10 Linsey Karroll, Lulu Lehmann, Max Gray, Lauren (Markus)
11 Herrmann, Jamie (Elizabeth) Hall, Allison Hall, Joy Jasinski,
12 Major McKeithen, Josh (Amber) Joiner, and Holley (Kyle) Hosick;
13 great-grandchildren, Joshua Hall, Wesley Joiner, and Lyric
14 Hosick; son-in-law, Jerry Joiner; and several nieces, nephews,
15 and cousins; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of former United States Representative
19 Kenneth J. Gray, and extend our sincere condolences to his
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Representative Gray as an expression
2 of our deepest sympathy.