

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express our sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Homer M. Caldwell, who passed away
5 on April 3, 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Homer Caldwell was born on August 6, 1932 in
7 Hyden, Kentucky, to Boyd and Louise Brown Caldwell; he
8 married Dorothy L. Owens on March 9, 1954 and from this union
9 eight children were raised; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell, a veteran of the United States
11 Army, served during the Korean War, and was a lifetime member
12 of the Veteran's of Foreign War; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell retired, after 21-1/2 years of
14 service for Ford Motor Company in Chicago Heights, Illinois;
15 after retirement, Mr. Caldwell successfully operated several
16 auction businesses; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Caldwell was elected as Village
18 President of Papineau, Illinois, and provided leadership
19 during a devastating drought in 1988, where he worked
20 countless hours to ensure village residents had safe water;
21 he served until 1991 when he retired to southern Illinois;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell was of the Baptist faith, finding
24 salvation and acceptance through the Antioch Baptist Church
25 in Golconda; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Caldwell was an avid fisherman, enjoyed
27 hunting, outdoor activities, playing horseshoes, watching old
28 westerns on television, and spending time with his family;
29 and

30 WHEREAS, The passing of Homer Caldwell will be deeply

1 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his loving and
2 devoted wife, Dorothy; his brothers, Frank, William, Tom, and
3 Bo; his sisters, Betty Bennett; his sons Donald Shepherd,
4 Mike, Tommy, Ronnie and Robert; his daughters, Brenda Chayer,
5 Patty Cain and Judy Rechkemmer; his 18 grandchildren; and his
6 13 great-grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his
7 parents, Boyd and Louise Caldwell, his brothers, Hayes and
8 Mitchell, and his sister, Mary; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Homer M.
12 Caldwell; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Homer Caldwell with our sincere
15 condolences.