

House Resolution 1023

By: Representative Purcell of the 122<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the memory of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Henry Joseph Wilkins and expressing regret at his  
2 passing; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Henry Joseph Wilkins, late of Guyton, is  
4 received with deep regret by this body; and

5 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished gentleman of 77 years rendered his name dear  
6 to the hearts of his family and fellow citizens alike; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a native of Guyton who, after graduating from high school, embarked  
8 on an illustrious military career in 1944, beginning as an army private in the South Pacific  
9 during World War II and ultimately retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel after 26 years of service  
10 including tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded numerous awards including  
11 the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Army Commendation medals. After retiring from the  
12 military, he and his family returned to the family farm near Guyton, where he raised cattle  
13 and hogs and farmed row crops; he was selected as man of the year in soil conservation in  
14 1979. He served as Effingham County tax commissioner from 1985-1995 and was  
15 presented the Community Leadership Award in 1989. He was also active in leadership roles  
16 in numerous civic, charitable, and fraternal organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, while in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow citizens, in his death we  
18 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body honor the memory of Lt. Col. (Ret.) Henry Joseph Wilkins and  
21 express their regret at his passing.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Marise Rahn Wilkins.