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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to remember the life of Miguel Juarez, the  
4 first Latino Police Chief for the City of Waukegan; and

5           WHEREAS, Miguel Juarez was born in Ciudad Juarez,  
6 Chihuahua, Mexico on July 25, 1952; one year later, his family  
7 immigrated to El Paso, Texas; he became a United States citizen  
8 and the age of 16 and served in the Marine Corps; and

9           WHEREAS, Miguel Juarez become a Waukegan police officer on  
10 November 14, 1979; he began as a patrol officer and worked with  
11 the SWAT team and detective bureau; he later worked as a  
12 supervisor and commander of the gang unit, major crimes scene  
13 unit, and narcotics unit; he was appointed Deputy Police Chief  
14 in 1993 and served as Deputy Chief of Services and Deputy Chief  
15 of Operations for eight years; he was appointed Chief of Police  
16 in April of 2001; and

17           WHEREAS, Miguel Juarez was the Waukegan Police  
18 Department's first Latino Sergeant, its first Latino  
19 Lieutenant, its first Latino Deputy Chief, and its first Latino  
20 Chief of Police; and

21           WHEREAS, Miguel Juarez was a member of the Waukegan Unit

1 School District Board of Education and a longtime member of the  
2 National Latino Peace Officers Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Miguel Juarez passed away in March of 2003 while  
4 preparing for a charity boxing match that benefits the children  
5 of fallen police officers; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
7 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
8 remember the life of Miguel Juarez, and recognize the positive  
9 impact he had on his community; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Miguel Juarez.