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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 Robert "Bob" W. Pierson of Orland Park, who passed away on June 6, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pierson was born in 1941; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pierson retired at the end of 2015 after 10 years as chairman of the International Executive Council for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW); he was a member of Chicago Local 9 for 50 years and served as the its business manager for nearly 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pierson was initiated into Local 9 in 1966 after brief stints with the Teamsters and Carpenters unions; he found his home with the IBEW, working as an outside construction lineman with Hecker Electric out of Chicago; during that time, he was part of the original build of the Red Line, the busiest line of Chicago's "L"; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Pierson was hired onto staff at Local 9 in 1980 as a business representative; a year later, he became assistant business manager and held that job for 16 years; among his accomplishments was the organization of 1,100

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1 Chicago-area cable television workers into Local 9; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1997, Robert Pierson was elected business
3 manager and he earned a reputation as one of Chicago's most
4 influential labor leaders; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Pierson was also an executive board member
6 of the Chicago Federation of Labor; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Pierson was regarded as a no-nonsense
8 negotiator on behalf of hundreds of City of Chicago employees,
9 including electrical workers in the city's transit, park and
10 water reclamation departments, contractors, and line clearance
11 tree trimmers; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Pierson was the beloved husband of Shirley
13 (Pecho); the loving father of Wendy, Gary (Michele), Chad
14 (Kimberly), and Todd (Lisa) Pierson; the devoted grandfather of
15 Kelsey, Kylie, Kassie, Abby, Sarah, Grace, Gabe, Faith, and
16 Hope; the dear brother of Donald (Carol), Tom (Donna), and
17 Patty Pierson; the fond son-in-law of Marge Pecho; and the
18 beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 mourn the passing of Robert "Bob" W. Pierson, and extend our

1 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
2 and loved him; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Robert Pierson as an expression of
5 our deepest sympathy.