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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Edward  
4 "Ed" Sadlowski, who passed away on June 10, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski was a union activist and represented  
6 thousands of steelworkers in Chicago and Gary, Indiana; and

7 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski was born into a steelworker family on  
8 September 10, 1938 and grew up in the southeast side's South  
9 Chicago neighborhood, watching his father organize at the  
10 Inland Steel Company; and

11 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski earned the nickname "Oilcan Eddie"  
12 while following in his father's footsteps as a union organizer  
13 and working as a machinist at United States Steel South Works  
14 in 1956; and

15 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski worked his way up to the top position  
16 with the site's union in 1964, overseeing approximately 23,000  
17 workers; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1975, with the platform "Steelworkers Fight  
19 Back", Ed Sadlowski became president of United Steelworkers  
20 District 31, its largest region, encompassing 128,000 members

1 in Chicago and Gary; and

2 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski became a district union chief with  
3 United Steelworkers in 1977, gaining national attention as an  
4 insurgent during a bid for the union presidency; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Ed Sadlowski championed  
6 workers' right to strike and to ratify their own contracts; and

7 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski served on the local panel of the  
8 Illinois Labor Relations Board from 1993 to 2012; he was  
9 inducted into the Illinois Labor History Society's Union Hall  
10 of Honor in 2012; and

11 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski was the voice of the working class  
12 and gave power to the men and women who work in the trenches in  
13 rank-and-file positions; and

14 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski worked his whole life for the ideals  
15 of trade unionism, creating a profound and lasting influence  
16 throughout all of organized labor; and

17 WHEREAS, Ed Sadlowski is survived by his wife, Marlene; his  
18 children, Chicago Alderman Susan Sadlowski Garza, Patricia  
19 Hoyt, Edward Sadlowski Jr., and Diane Agelson; 11  
20 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 mourn the passing of Edward "Ed" Sadlowski, and extend our  
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
5 and loved him; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Ed Sadlowski as an expression of our  
8 deepest sympathy and sincerest appreciation for his life's work  
9 and achievements.