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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Lifelong southwest Rockford resident and tireless  
3 civic servant Frank George St. Angel of Rockford passed away on  
4 March 28, 2003; he was born June 10, 1921 in Rockford, the son  
5 of Jasper and Giacomina St. Angel; he married Constance Monica  
6 Achilli on April 19, 1958; Frank earned a B.A. in history in  
7 1943 from the University of Illinois and an M.A. in  
8 international relations in 1949 from the University of Chicago;  
9 he served in the China-Burma-India Theater during WWII, earning  
10 the U.S. Army Bronze Star Medal for exceptional duty in  
11 developing a key counterintelligence strategy for use against  
12 the Japanese armed forces; Frank continued to serve his country  
13 in the U.S. Army Reserves for many years after the war until  
14 eventually retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel; after his father's  
15 death, Frank took over his role as a leader of Rockford's  
16 Italian-American community and the real estate and insurance  
17 business he started in 1910; and

18           WHEREAS, Frank continually sought out opportunities to  
19 serve and better the community; in 1956, he served as Chairman  
20 of the Rockford Civil Service Commission and in 1960 he was  
21 Chairman of the Rockford Human Relations Commission; he was a  
22 member of the city zoning Board of Appeals, and he served from  
23 1961 to 1967 on the Rockford Board of Education; Frank was  
24 Chairman of the U.S. Bicentennial Commission for Winnebago  
25 County; in 1975, he was Co-Chairman of the Greater Rockford  
26 Columbus Day Committee; between 1961 and 1978, he served on the  
27 Winnebago County Board, serving as Chairman from 1974 to 1978  
28 and was honored for leadership in striving for high ideals and  
29 progressive reform; from 1981 to 1999, Frank served as a  
30 member, vice-president, and president of the Rock River Water  
31 Reclamation District Board of Trustees; he held leadership  
32 positions in the American Red Cross, the American Cancer  
33 Society, the United Way, Crime Stoppers of Rockford, the  
34 Rockford Park District, the Winnebago County and Rockford

1 Action Committees, the Illinois Youth Commission, the Rockford  
2 Public Library Foundation, the Rockford College Board of  
3 Counselors, and the Rockford Board of Realtors; he was  
4 president of the Southside Community Projects Association and  
5 an organizer and first chairman of the Head Start Program in  
6 Rockford; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1978, Frank was awarded, by command of the  
8 President of Italy, the title of Cavaliere (or Knight) and was  
9 inducted into the Italian Order of the Star of Solidarity; the  
10 Italian Consulate General presented Frank with this honor for  
11 distinguished community service and acting pro-bono ombudsman  
12 in efforts to reunite the families of post-WWII Italian  
13 immigrants in Rockford; Frank served as the President of  
14 Rockford Vigo Lodge Order Sons of Italy, received the Italian  
15 Folk Art Federation Award in 1995, and was named  
16 Italian-American Father of the Year in 1997; and

17 WHEREAS, A lifelong member of St. Anthony Church and nephew  
18 to founder, Father Anthony Marchesano, Frank served as Lector,  
19 Usher, President of the Parish Council, and, in 1954, the  
20 President of the Holy Name Society; he also was a Trustee of  
21 the church, an Extraordinary Minister, and a member of the  
22 Knights of Columbus; and

23 WHEREAS, For his exceptional civic service, he received  
24 many awards, including the City of Rockford Citizen of the Year  
25 Award, the University of Chicago's Distinguished Public  
26 Service Award in 1983, and the Rotary Club Service Above Self  
27 Award; in 2002, the Mayor of Rockford named him a Rockford  
28 Sesquicentennial Futurist; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
30 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
31 recognize Frank G. St. Angel for his many achievements during  
32 his lifetime and his work to make Rockford a better place; and

1 be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to Frank's widow, Constance M. St. Angel, as an  
4 expression of our esteem.