



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A long-time Hyde Parker, Dr. Edward Wasserman,  
3 died October 24, 2004 at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to politically progressive Russian  
5 immigrants in Oak Park, he first moved to Hyde Park as a  
6 16-year-old University of Chicago undergraduate; and

7 WHEREAS, While studying to be a psychiatrist at the  
8 University of Illinois Medical School, he met Eileen Kronberg,  
9 whom he married in 1956; and

10 WHEREAS, Because of his independent political beliefs and  
11 his mother's political affiliations, the Army deemed him a  
12 security threat at first and did not draft him; as the Korean  
13 conflict escalated and Army doctors became scarce, the  
14 McCarthy-era restrictions were loosened, but not by much; he  
15 was not allowed to practice as a psychiatrist or given the  
16 security clearance that would allow him to be commissioned as  
17 an officer as is the custom for military doctors; after more  
18 than a year of service, the Army threatened him with a  
19 dishonorable discharge and he stood trial; his named was  
20 cleared, and the next day his rank jumped from private to  
21 captain; and

22 WHEREAS, After graduating from Chicago's Psychoanalytic  
23 Institute, he built up a private psychotherapy practice, where  
24 he worked until his mid 60s; after closing his practice, he  
25 worked with mentally troubled prison inmates for the Indiana  
26 Department of Corrections; throughout his life, he remained  
27 active in the political fight for social justice and peace; and

28 WHEREAS, He was a lifelong fan of music, and enjoyed  
29 playing blues harmonica at the Old Town School of Folk Music  
30 where he had been attending classes for a decade; and

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Dr. Edward Wasserman will be felt  
2 by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 48 years,  
3 Eileen; his daughters, Suzanne, Tina, Stephanie, and Nadine;  
4 his sons-in-laws, David Stern, David Fine, and Guillermo Perez;  
5 and his grandchildren, Raphael, Natalie, and Gabriel;  
6 therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
9 mourn the passing of Dr. Edward Wasserman and we extend to his  
10 family our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time; and  
11 be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
14 sympathy.