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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bassam
4 Hanna Naoum; and

5 WHEREAS, Bassam Naoum was born in Amman, Jordan, on
6 February 22, 1951; his parents were Hanna Naoum and Zakieh
7 Ibrahim; he married Phoebe Naoum (nee Tudor) in 1978 in
8 Huntsville, Alabama; and

9 WHEREAS, Bassam Naoum came to America in 1970 in search of
10 an education and a new life; after arriving in Chicago, he
11 subsequently attended Snead State Junior College in Alabama;
12 during this time, he alternated between working in Chicago and
13 taking classes in Alabama each semester; and

14 WHEREAS, Two months after their marriage, Bassam Naoum and
15 his wife moved to Chicago, where he graduated from DePaul
16 University; for the next 10 years, he worked within the hotel
17 industry and spent his free time traveling, enjoying
18 restaurants, and socializing with his friends; in 1988, Bassam
19 and Phoebe's first child, Noelle, was born, followed by their
20 second child, Farris, in 1990; and

21 WHEREAS, In order to pursue his dream of owning a business,

1 Bassam Naoum opened his first store in Cabrini Green in 1993
2 called "Ollie's", a name which stuck and became his nickname;
3 he quickly became a part of the Cabrini community and
4 participated in various events, such as the "Back to School
5 Picnic" and the community Thanksgiving Dinner; and

6 WHEREAS, Bassam Naoum was well known in his neighborhood
7 for helping those in need of help in any way possible,
8 emotionally or financially; he will be remembered fondly by his
9 family as a loving father and husband who would do anything for
10 his family and friends and as a gregarious man with a wonderful
11 sense of humor; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Bassam
15 Hanna Naoum; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Bassam Naoum as an expression of our
18 sympathy.