

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to express our sincere condolences to  
4 the family and friends of Donald C. Sweeney, who recently  
5 passed away; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald Sweeney was a 1950 graduate of St. George  
7 High School in Evanston; he served in the United States  
8 Marine Corps from 1953 through 1956, in San Diego and Japan;  
9 he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Reserves in  
10 1961; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney was a 1961 graduate of DeVry  
12 Technical Institute; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney worked for the Illinois Central  
14 Railroad for 35 years; starting as a lineman, Mr. Sweeney  
15 became an expert on oatenary systems for electrified  
16 railways; he retired from Metra, which had taken over the  
17 railroad; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney was a devoted member of St.  
19 Gertrude's Parish, where he served as a eucharistic minister;  
20 he helped establish the Committee on Community Life and the  
21 Care for Real collections for the poor, and frequently helped  
22 light the Easter fire at Holy Saturday mass; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Sweeney was the typical long-suffering  
24 Chicago sports fan; and

25 WHEREAS, Donald Sweeney married Jean Mann in 1961; they  
26 recently celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary; and

27 WHEREAS, The passing of Donald Sweeney will be deeply  
28 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,  
29 Jean; his children, Theresa (Bill) Resch, John, Stephen,  
30 Anne, and Cecilia; his grandchildren, Madeleine and Michael

1 Resch; his sister, Dorothy Sweeney; and his brother Ed  
2 (Elaine); therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Donald C.  
6 Sweeney of Chicago; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of Donald C. Sweeney with our sincere  
9 condolences.