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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
4 Jean-Claude Poilevey of Oak Park, who passed away on April 9,
5 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Jean-Claude Poilevey was born in the Burgundy
7 region of France on February 10, 1945; he began training at 14
8 years old in a small restaurant near the Jura Mountains, an
9 area close to Switzerland; in the mid-1960s, after serving as a
10 cook in the French Army, he moved to London and worked for
11 three years at The Colony Club and Cafe Royale; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1968, Jean-Claude Poilevey and several other
13 French chefs working in London, including the late Chef Jean
14 Banchet, were recruited to work for Hugh Hefner at the Playboy
15 Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; and

16 WHEREAS, Jean-Claude Poilevey moved to Chicago, and in
17 1973, along with a few friends, opened a restaurant, La
18 Fontaine; in 1988, he bought out his partners and continued to
19 run the business until he sold it in 1993; over its 20-year
20 run, many chefs were trained there, some who went on to open
21 their own successful restaurants; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1993, Jean-Claude Poilevey and his wife,
2 Susanne, opened Le Buochon, a small 40-seat bistro in Bucktown;
3 in 1998, they opened another restaurant, La Sardine, in the
4 West Loop area of Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Jean-Claude Poilevey was a traditionalist in
6 French cuisine, with a good-natured tableside manner; he was
7 considered a unifier in both the French culinary community and
8 the French expat community in Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Jean-Claude Poilevey is survived by his wife,
10 Susanne, and his three sons, Oliver, Nicolas, and Henri;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 mourn the passing of Jean-Claude Poilevey, and extend our
15 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
16 and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Jean-Claude Poilevey as an
19 expression of our deepest sympathy.