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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Michael S. Holewinski of Chicago, who passed away on June 19, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski was born to Stanley and Genevieve Holewinski on April 30, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski held numerous positions throughout the years, including toy buyer for Montgomery Ward, pilot, Illinois legislator, attorney, administrative assistant to Mayor Harold Washington, vice chairman of the Illinois Gaming Board, chairman of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and, most significant to him, a manufacturer; he took over the family business, the Ace Plating Company, and continued to build his manufacturing empire with the Acme Spinning Company, F&S Stamping, Cano Tool, Art Specialty, and Barnes Planting; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1974 at the age of 26 and served for two terms; he was the founder of the 35th Ward Independent Precinct Organization; he was a two-time recipient of the Independent Voters of Illinois and Independent Precinct Organization's Best Legislator Award; and

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1 WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski preferred to relax on the
2 beaches of South Maui and Chetek, Wisconsin; he always looked
3 forward to spending time with his family, the "Cousins", and
4 his many friends and neighbors; he was a political junkie who
5 relished a good debate; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski was preceded in death by his
7 parents and his daughter, Annie; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Holewinski is survived by his wife of 53
9 years, Mary (Plaza); his son, Jeff (Jamie); his sister, Joyce
10 (Jim) Walschlager; his sister-in-law, Jennie (Tony)
11 Fontanetta; his brothers-in-law, Joe (Emilie) Plaza and Rich
12 (Sharie) Plaza; and many nephews, nieces, and great-nieces;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Michael S. Holewinski, and extend our
17 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Michael Holewinski as an expression
21 of our deepest sympathy.