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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the deaths of Edison
4 Park mainstays Irvin "Irv" Kaage Jr., 92, and Muriel Kaage, 90,
5 who both passed away in April just 36 hours apart due to
6 complications from the coronavirus; and

7 WHEREAS, Irvin and Muriel Kaage operated the Kaage's Corner
8 Newsstand on Northwest Highway in Edison Park, which has been a
9 mainstay for the last 77 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Their family members will always remember Irv and
11 Muriel for their enduring love story that spanned seven decades
12 and lasted until Irv's death when the hospital moved their beds
13 close to one another so they could hold each others' hands; and

14 WHEREAS, Muriel Kaage defied her father by marrying Irv,
15 and after getting married, they only had \$100 to their names;
16 even though it was a rough start, their love endured, and
17 Muriel's father eventually accepted their love of one another;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Irv Kaage was able to grow his newsstand business
20 and was eventually able to afford to buy Muriel a beauty shop
21 just across the street from the newsstand; the couple lived in

1 a small apartment behind the beauty shop; and

2 WHEREAS, While running the newsstands, Irv Kaage also
3 delivered the Chicago Daily News to hotels and businesses
4 around the area and picked up and delivered horse racing sheets
5 for newsstands; and

6 WHEREAS, Irv Kaage prided himself on knowing his customers
7 by name and which newspaper they wanted, and his newsstand was
8 one of the last surviving newspaper stands of what used to be
9 at every corner in the city; and

10 WHEREAS, After saving enough for a down payment on a house,
11 Irv and Muriel Kaage planted roots and raised three children,
12 and all three Kaage children got their first job experience
13 working at one of the family newsstands; and

14 WHEREAS, Muriel Kaage, also known as "Mern" because of her
15 resemblance to actress Myrna Loy, never lost her flair for
16 style and fashion, favoring hats for herself and making sure
17 her husband wore an outfit matching her own if they were going
18 out; and

19 WHEREAS, It was the Kaage family that kept customers
20 coming, as even in a digital news age people wanted to support
21 them and their business; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2012, an honorary street sign designating
2 Kaage's Corner was erected at the intersection of Northwest
3 Highway and Oliphant Avenue, where their newsstand was located;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Irv and Muriel Kaage saw beauty in everything and
6 appreciated and inspired others with their love of people; and

7 WHEREAS, Irv and Muriel Kaage were the loving parents of
8 Irvin L. (Laurel) Kaage III, Michael (Karen) Kaage, and
9 Patricia (the late Edward) Yauch; the proud grandparents of
10 Kathrine (Daniel) Esposito, Irvin L. (Claire) Kaage IV, Kristen
11 Kaage, Christopher Kaage, and Kent (Grace) Kaage; the
12 great-grandparents of Aellah Kaage, Barjona Kaage, Irvin L.
13 Kaage V, Alexander Esposito, Ryan Esposito, Thurlow Kaage,
14 Elisabeth Esposito, and Soren Kaage; and the dear sister of
15 Arlene (the late Henry) Kraus; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of Irvin "Irv" Jr. and Muriel Kaage and
19 extend our condolences to their family, friends, the entire
20 Edison Park community, and all who knew and loved them; and be
21 it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Irv and Muriel Kaage as an
3 expression of our deepest sympathy and in appreciation of their
4 devotion to their community.