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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 James
4 "Jim" Addington of Westmont, who passed away on July 18, 2020;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Addington was a proud resident of the Village
7 of Westmont for over 50 years; he and his wife Cathy were
8 heavily involved in their local community, leaving Westmont all
9 the better for their efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Addington took on an incredible number of
11 civic roles; he was a member of the Lions Club, where he served
12 for many years as its president and a term as district
13 governor; he made every effort to contribute to the success of
14 future students with Lions Club scholarships and oversaw the
15 dedication of a Lions Park in Westmont; he volunteered with
16 Habitat for Humanity, including as a local board member for 10
17 years; he was also involved with the Knights of Columbus and
18 the Westmont Park District; he organized events that brought
19 the Westmont community together across decades, including the
20 Taste of Westmont, Red White and BBQ, Pow Wow Days, and Santa
21 Claus for Holly Days; his involvement with local Westmont
22 government included serving as co-chair of the Economic
23 Development Commission and as chair of the Community

1 Development Committee; he served on the Police Pension Board
2 and the Police & Fire Commission and as village trustee and
3 mayor; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Addington served as a passionate advocate for
5 local parks, including securing legislation to improve
6 nighttime safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Addington left his mark on Westmont's downtown
8 core, shepherding the new village hall, Westmont Centre, the
9 downtown Westmont Centre Plaza and Fountain, the downtown
10 streetscape and lamps, and the creation of Westmont Main
11 Street; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Addington left his mark on Westmont's
13 character, leading by example and dedicating his life not to
14 things but to people and community service, which has resulted
15 in a significant benefit for the entire Westmont community and
16 to those who visited and received a warm Westmont welcome from
17 him; and

18 WHEREAS, Jim Addington served as a friend and mentor to
19 thousands of community leaders over the years and was always
20 there to cheer them on to success, often to the same level of
21 zest and enthusiasm he showed for the Westmont High School boys
22 basketball team; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim Addington's unwavering dedication to his
2 community and to duty was confirmed by his attendance at a
3 village trustee meeting from his hospital room shortly before
4 his passing; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Addington was devoted to and beloved by his
6 family, including his son Jimmy and daughter-in-law Genie, his
7 daughter Lisa and son-in-law Brian, and his grandchildren,
8 Samantha, Chloe, Kristen, and Carolyn, who will keep his zest
9 for life and his love for them forever in their hearts;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of James "Jim" Addington, a man who
14 represented the best of Westmont and the people of Illinois,
15 and we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends,
16 and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Jim Addington as an expression of
19 our deepest respect and sympathy.