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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 Charles
4 "Hank" Salemi of Libertyville, who passed away on January 9,
5 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi was born to Barbara and Henry Salemi
7 in Birmingham, Alabama on May 10, 1964; he graduated from the
8 University of Alabama; he settled in Libertyville in 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi began his career with Ringling
10 Brothers/Feld Entertainment in Boston; he then moved to
11 Chicago, working for the Ogden Corporation; he found his
12 professional home of 24 years at Six Flags; he served as chief
13 marketing officer for Six Flags Corporate, based in Oklahoma
14 City, where he oversaw all marketing and advertising for 40
15 parks worldwide; he became park president of Six Flags Great
16 America in Gurnee in 2006, and he was responsible for both
17 full-time and seasonal team members for 16 years; he was
18 deeply loved and respected by his entire Six Flags family; and

19 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi was a global leader and expert in his
20 field, serving on the board of the International Association
21 of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) for the last seven
22 years; he was elected as the association's treasurer and

1 chairman of the IAAPA Compensation Committee; he received the
2 distinguished Special Services Award for his exemplary
3 contributions to the IAAPA; and

4 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi was a member of St. Joseph Parish in
5 Libertyville; he was an avid fan of the University of Alabama;
6 he enjoyed attending poker night with friends, cooking on his
7 grill and smoker, making his father's Italian pasta sauce, and
8 nights out with friends; he loved planning trips and seeing
9 the world with his family; and

10 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi was known as a creative genius for
11 his writing skills and abilities to tell a story and deliver a
12 punchline; he was devoted to his wife, daughter, and the
13 family dogs Gus, Dixie, and Ben; he will be remembered for his
14 wit, wisdom, integrity, and kindness; and

15 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi was preceded in death by an infant
16 daughter, Colleen Salemi; his father, Henry Salemi; and his
17 sister, Sherry Cummings; and

18 WHEREAS, Hank Salemi is survived by his wife of 21 years,
19 Kathleen; his daughter, Claire; his mother, Barbara Salemi;
20 his sister, Debra Salemi; and many nieces, nephews, and
21 in-laws; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Charles "Hank" Salemi and extend our
4 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
5 and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Hank Salemi as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.