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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Miguel Juarez of Waukegan on March 4, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Juarez was born on July 27, 1952 in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; he immigrated with his family to the United States when he was a year old; he was raised in El Paso, Texas where he helped his family run a farm; he became a naturalized citizen of the United States when he was 16 years old and graduated from Coronado High School in 1971; he graduated from the College of Lake County in 1984 and received an associate's degree in law enforcement from Northwestern University in 1996; he obtained his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia College in 1999; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Juarez joined the United States Marine Corps in 1972; he attained the rank of Sergeant and received the National Defense Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal with one star, two Meritorious Masts, and the Navy Achievement Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Juarez began his work for the City of Waukegan as a police officer in November of 1979; he served in several capacities at the Waukegan Police Department, including supervisor of detectives, supervisor in the patrol division, supervisor and then commander of the major crime scene unit, Deputy Chief of Operations, and he was appointed Chief in May of 2001; he was the first Hispanic Chief of Police in Lake County's history; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Juarez was a member of many community and police organizations, including the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement Association, the Illinois Domestic Violence Council, and the American Legion; he was a member of Holy Family Parish; and

1 WHEREAS, He served as a board member of Waukegan Public
2 School District 60 and was deeply dedicated to improving the
3 education opportunities of children; he served as a board
4 member of several organizations with goals of improving
5 education; and

6 WHEREAS, The passing of Chief Juarez has been deeply felt
7 by many, especially his wife, Rosa Juarez; his children,
8 Michael, Jessica, Cassandra, and Michael A.; his mother,
9 Martina Barreras; his brothers and sisters, Chilo, Bobby, and
10 Alex Barreras, Martha Arredondo and Molly Prado; and his
11 numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 together with his friends, family, colleagues, community, and
15 all who knew and loved him, we mourn the passing of Waukegan
16 Chief of Police Miguel Juarez and extend to his friends and
17 family our sincere condolences; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Miguel Juarez along with our
20 deepest sympathy.