

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of  
4 Jerome Jochim of Palestine, Illinois on February 19, 2003;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim was born on September 14, 1927 in  
7 Evansville, Indiana to Albert and Ada Jochim; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim attended St. Joseph's grade school  
9 and Central high school in Evansville; and

10 WHEREAS, During his junior year at Central high school he  
11 was a starting guard on the football team which went  
12 undefeated and was acclaimed the Indiana state football  
13 champions; following the football season he was drafted into  
14 the army in 1946;

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim was attached to the 82nd Airborne and  
16 spent most of his time in service at Fort Bragg, North  
17 Carolina; and

18 WHEREAS, After his discharge in 1947, he enrolled at the  
19 University of Evansville on the GI Bill, where he played  
20 football as a freshmen under former Oblong High School  
21 football coach Paul Beck; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim married Juanita Taylor in September  
23 of 1948; and

24 WHEREAS, Upon Mr. Jochim's graduation from Evansville, he  
25 started work as a fifth and sixth grade math and science  
26 teacher at Hutsonville grade school in 1951; in addition, he  
27 coached both basketball and track and inherited a basketball  
28 team that had not won a game in two years; in his first  
29 season, Hutsonville was 8-6; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim soon after accepted a position at

1 Palestine grade school; he started teaching physical  
2 education, filled in when other teachers were absent, and was  
3 the assistant basketball coach; in his second year at  
4 Palestine, he took over as head coach for the basketball team  
5 and held that position for 16 years; he was hired as  
6 principal in 1965; and

7 WHEREAS, In Mr. Jochim's first year as head coach, the  
8 team went 15-4 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the  
9 Junior High State Tournament; he compiled a record of 323-174  
10 during 17 years as coach, and had only one losing season; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim also had success as a track coach; in  
12 1956, Palestine won the State Lightweight Track Championship  
13 held at Bloomington; and

14 WHEREAS, Aside from his responsibilities at the school,  
15 he worked for the Illinois Central Railroad until 1968; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim retired from public education in  
17 1987; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Jochim's passing will be deeply felt by his  
19 family and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we mourn the death of Jerome Jochim along with all who knew  
23 and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his  
24 family, friends, and community; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to the family of Jerome Jochim as an expression of  
27 our deepest sympathy.