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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Christopher V. "Chris" Baraglia of Edison Park on August 20, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baraglia was born in Chicago on October 30, 1942 and grew up in the Jane Addams Homes on Taylor Street; his father, William Baraglia, had been a Golden Gloves boxer but wanted his son to be a bookworm and have a better life; despite his father's opposition, he boxed in the Chicago Park District's novice division until a sprained ankle ended his career; he was always active in sports and once was Chicago Ping-Pong champion; he stood only 5 feet, 4 inches but was a guard on the Marshall High School basketball team; his lifelong passion was 16-inch softball, which he played until 2001, retiring at the top of his game when his team won the Chicago Softball League's men's championship; he was a member of the Chicago Softball League Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baraglia's first long-term job was an 11-year stint in the stockroom at Motorola on Augusta Boulevard; he quit as stockroom supervisor when he heard layoffs were coming and got a job with the Streets and Sanitation Department; he spent 32 years with the department, working for years as a laborer; he was ward clerk when he was appointed superintendent of the 41st Ward Yard in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baraglia had been honored as grand marshal of the Edison Park Chamber of Commerce's Edison Park Fest parade on August 16, 2003, which gave many friends a chance to greet him and recognize his contributions; and

WHEREAS, His passing will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him especially his wife, Renee (nee Pavlik); his

1 children, Jeri and Jodi; his sister, Mary Ann (Norman) Hudie;
2 his brother, William; his nieces, Lynn (Robert) Wankowski,
3 Valerie (Robert) Alcock; his great-nieces and nephews,
4 Christopher W. Hudie and Connor Alcock; his mother-in-law and
5 father-in-law, Frank and Lola Pavlik; and his sister-in-law,
6 Doreen (Tom) Kaspar and Frank (Christine) Pavlik; and

7 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, William
8 and Geraldine Baraglia; his nieces and nephews, Philip J.
9 Hudie, Stephanie, Stacey, Samantha, Jenna, and Frankie;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn the death of Christopher V. Baraglia along with all who
14 knew and loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family and friends; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Christopher Baraglia as an
18 expression of our deepest sympathy.