



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were saddened to learn of the death of Edwin
4 "Max" Kurland; and

5 WHEREAS, Edwin Kurland was born and raised the youngest of
6 three children on the southwest side of Chicago; he attended
7 Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and Quigley Seminary
8 before receiving a sociology degree from Loyola University in
9 1954; after a tour in the army, he began his coaching career at
10 Blessed Sacrament; and

11 WHEREAS, Affectionately nicknamed "Max", he joined the St.
12 Patrick faculty in 1954 as assistant to Coach Dick Triptow;
13 when Triptow left in 1959, Max began his career as head
14 basketball coach that spanned over 35 years; and

15 WHEREAS, With 653 wins, he ranks as one of the top ten
16 coaches in Illinois history; he was named East Suburban
17 Catholic Conference Coach of the Year three times while winning
18 ten conference championships, eleven State Regional titles,
19 and one Sectional championship; his teams also won fourteen
20 Thanksgiving Tourneys, two Chicagoland Prep Tourneys, and six
21 Christmas Tournament titles; and

22 WHEREAS, Max Kurland was inducted into the Illinois
23 Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1980, as well as the Chicago
24 Catholic League Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994; he also received
25 the coveted Achievement Award from the Ed Kelly Giant Awards
26 Sports Program in 1994; to top off his prestigious career,
27 Coach Kurland became a charter member of the Shamrock Hall of
28 Fame in 1995; and

29 WHEREAS, Outside of basketball, Coach Kurland has been
30 recognized by the Christian Brothers, receiving the LaSallian

1 Award in 1982 and the Signum Fidei Award in 1994; and

2 WHEREAS, The memory of Max Kurland was honored with the
3 Crystal Shamrock Award for his dedication as a coach and
4 teacher, his loyalty to many friends, and his devotion to the
5 Christian Brothers ministry; and

6 WHEREAS, Max Kurland leaves a legacy of faith, dignity,
7 compassion, and love; his passing will be deeply felt by many,
8 especially his sister, Constance "Connie" Mullarkey; his
9 sister-in-law, Charlotte Kurland; his nieces and nephews,
10 Patrick (Gail) Mullarkey, Dr. Mary Lyn Kurland, Mark (Paula)
11 Kurland, and John (Kathy) Kurland; and

12 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents,
13 Maximillian and Mary R. (nee Sherman) Kurland; his
14 brother-in-law, John Mullarkey; and a brother, John A. Kurland;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn the death of Max Kurland along with all who knew and
19 loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
20 friends, and community; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Max Kurland, as well as St. Patrick
23 High School, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.