



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate  
4 Richard Francis Prendergast, formerly an esteemed resident of  
5 Evergreen Park for over 30 years, on the occasion of the  
6 celebration of his 80th birthday on January 15, 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Prendergast was born in Chicago in 1925, the  
8 son of Anthony and Ellen Prendergast, emigrants from County  
9 Mayo, Ireland, and brother to Mary, John, Tom, and Jim; he  
10 presently resides in Orland Park; and

11 WHEREAS, He was a 1939 graduate of Little Flower Grammar  
12 School and a 1943 graduate of Leo High School; he was a U.S.  
13 Marine and World War II veteran, serving from 1943 to 1945; and

14 WHEREAS, He graduated from DePaul University, was  
15 certified as a Certified Public Accountant, and later graduated  
16 from DePaul University Law School; and

17 WHEREAS, He was employed by the Chicago public accounting  
18 firm of Murphy, Lanier & Quinn, and had advanced to the  
19 position of Senior Partner; and

20 WHEREAS, He married Dorothy Caraher on October 28, 1961; he  
21 is the father of three children, Maria, Ellen, and Richard, and  
22 the loving grandfather of 11 grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, He was a parishioner of Queen of Martyrs Catholic  
24 Church for over 30 years and is a current parishioner of St.  
25 Francis of Assisi Catholic Church; and

26 WHEREAS, He is known throughout Chicago for his  
27 philanthropy; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to  
4           Richard Francis Prendergast on the occasion of his 80th  
5           birthday; that we commend him for achieving a long and  
6           fulfilling life, and we wish him continued happiness and good  
7           health in the future; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9           presented to Richard Francis Prendergast as an expression of  
10          our respect and esteem.