



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives congratulate Patrick Hennessy of Chicago on
4 the occasion of his 85th birthday on April 26, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hennessy has been a lifelong Democrat and is
6 proud that he never voted anything else; he was the youngest of
7 twelve children born in Kilkenny, Ireland in 1920; he was a
8 Hurling Champion, playing on the All Ireland Team for two
9 years, in 1935 and 1936; and

10 WHEREAS, He immigrated to Chicago over 50 years ago; he
11 worked for the Mayors Office of the City of Chicago for 35
12 years and served as a community coordinator and a leading voice
13 for Chicago Area Irish Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, He has written columns for the Irish Newspapers
15 for more than 50 years; he wrote for the Irish Echo for 40
16 years and for the Irish American News for the past 11 years; he
17 has kept readers abreast of the Gaelic Happenings in the
18 Chicago Area; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Hennessy was elected Chairman of the
20 Chicago Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and entrusted with
21 the task of reactivating the GAA in Chicago and the Midwest;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, He has worked tirelessly toward the cannonization
24 of Edmund Rice; therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
26 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
27 we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to
28 Patrick Hennessy on the occasion of his 85th birthday; that we
29 commend him for achieving a long and fulfilling life, and we

1 wish him continued happiness and good health in the future; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Patrick Hennessy as an expression of our respect
5 and esteem.