



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of
4 Joseph Howard Haley of Chicago, the founder and executive
5 director of Jackie Robinson West Little League, on June 13,
6 2005; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Haley was born October 24, 1933, in Enoch,
8 Louisiana, the only child of Lucille Bailey Clark and Mayshell
9 Clark; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church in
11 Bogalusa, Louisiana; he later joined Beth Eden Baptist Church
12 in Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, At Central High School, Joseph Haley was an honor
14 student and president of the student council and enjoyed
15 playing basketball and baseball; he had a passion for sports
16 from an early age and was committed to a lifetime of playing
17 sports and organizing and managing teams; after graduating, he
18 received a basketball scholarship to Grambling State
19 University but chose to enlist in the U.S. Air Force; after his
20 tour of duty, he enrolled in Grambling State University and
21 received a B.S. degree in physical education; he later
22 graduated from DePaul University with a M.A. degree in
23 Administration and Guidance; and

24 WHEREAS, He married Annie Brown and they had three
25 children, William, Richard (deceased), and Joseph; and

26 WHEREAS, He was employed by the Chicago Board of Education;
27 in 1971, he founded the Jackie Robinson West Little League
28 (JRW), a world-class youth program that has been a gateway for
29 wholesome recreation, positive influence, leadership training,
30 and self-confidence for thousands of youth; over the last 35

1 years, Joseph Haley led JRW to 18 State Championships,
2 participated in five World Series Championships, one United
3 States Championship, seven Regional Championships, and won
4 over 75 District 4 Championships; and

5 WHEREAS, His devotion, determination, love, passion,
6 loyalty, guidance, never-quit spirit, and the legacy he
7 established and the impact he made in the lives of so many will
8 be forever remembered; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Joseph Howard Haley is felt by all
10 who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 43 years and 10
11 months, Annie; his children, William (Sharon) and Joseph Glenn
12 (Rona); his grandchildren, Jessica, Jazmine, Adam, and Joshua;
13 his adopted sister, Rosemarie Ingram; his brothers-in-law and
14 sisters-in-law, Veola, Earl (Sherman), Hazel (Dennis), Gloria
15 (Melvin), and Edward (Mary); his 14 nieces and nephews, his 15
16 great-nieces and nephews; his many cousins and other relatives
17 and friends; his Jackie Robinson West family; and his team, the
18 Little League Dodgers; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Joseph Howard Haley and extend to his
22 family and friends our thoughts and prayers during this
23 difficult time; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
26 sympathy.