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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives learned with sadness of the death of William A. Norkett of Chicago on October 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, William A. Norkett was born in Chicago to Lucille and Michael Norkett; he lived virtually his entire life in his Rogers Park neighborhood; he attended Hardy Prep School and Loyola Academy in Chicago and graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Although his dream of attending law school was set aside by an injury he suffered while working on a garbage truck as a teenager, Mr. Norkett enjoyed a long career as an outstanding public servant; he went to work for the State of Illinois as a bridge inspector in 1950; he later worked as a bailiff for the chief judge of the Cook County Circuit Court and managed the Elston Avenue Department of Motor Vehicles facility; in 1971 he was appointed the 49th Ward superintendent; he took his job very seriously, finding resourceful ways to deal with problems with streets, signs, traffic signals, and garbage in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norkett was dedicated and generous to his community who enjoyed engaging in conversation with people from all walks of life; he was always willing to lend a helping hand; he volunteered countless hours to the special-needs residents of Misericordia, a Catholic charity and he helped numerous strangers from his neighborhood in need of counseling, food, and, clothing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Norkett treasured his family and friends and his loss will be felt by many, especially, his wife, Barbara; his daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Beth and Charles Fox and Katie Norkett and Mike Mensiage; his sons and daughter-in-law,

1 Brian W. Norkett and Matthew W. and Mary Norkett; his mother,  
2 Lucille Norkett; his brothers and sister-in-law, Rev. Michael  
3 P. Norkett and Martin P. and Ann Norkett; his eleven  
4 grandchildren; and a multitude of extended family and friends;  
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we mourn the passing of William A. Norkett and extend our  
9 sincere condolences to his family, his friends, and all who  
10 knew and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
13 sympathy.