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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives learned with sadness of the death of Mike Herbert of Chicago on January 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mike Herbert lived virtually his entire life in his Rogers Park neighborhood; he was a star football lineman at Loyola Academy and later attended Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert enjoyed a long career as an outstanding public servant; he dedicated his life to the safety of his fellow citizens, having worked as a Chicago police officer for 35 years, from 1961 to 1996; he later worked as the director of security for his friend, Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, from 1996 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert was dedicated and generous to his community and displayed a quiet strength that commanded respect -- even awe -- among the people who knew him; he was always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it be coaching little league or loading neighborhood kids into his station wagon to take them to see his beloved Chicago White Sox; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert truly loved the Chicago White Sox; he was there for the White Sox appearance in the 1959 World Series and again in 2005 when the White Sox won the World Series; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herbert treasured his family and friends and his loss has been felt by many, especially his wife, Barbara; his daughter, Laura; his sons, Dan and Mike; his six grandchildren; and a multitude of extended family and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we mourn the passing of Mike Herbert and extend our sincere
2 condolences to his family, his friends, and all who knew and
3 loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
6 sympathy.