



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Anthony J. Fornelli of Chicago has been named
3 a recipient of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of
4 the Year Award given by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian
5 Americans (JCCIA); and

6 WHEREAS, The JCCIA's Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
7 Humanitarian of the Year Award is presented annually to those
8 whose lives exemplify the virtues of caring, humanity, and good
9 will that were the hallmark of Cardinal Bernardin's tenure as
10 Archbishop of Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fornelli served as the president of the JCCIA
12 from 1974 to 1975; he is the president of AJF Management and
13 the publisher of Fra Noi, the Chicago-area Italian-American
14 newspaper; and

15 WHEREAS, He is a director of the Illinois Community
16 Currency Exchange Association, past vice chair of the Chicago
17 Plan Commission, former director of the Department of Financial
18 Institutions for the State of Illinois, past assembly member
19 for the Illinois State Bar Association, and a former assistant
20 corporation counsel of Chicago; he also was a commissioner of
21 the Chicago Zoning Board of Appeals; and

22 WHEREAS, He has served as president or chairman of the
23 following organizations: Festa Italiana Chicago, St. Ignatius
24 High School Alumni Association, Joint Civic Committee of
25 Italian Americans, UNICO National, the Justinian Society of
26 Lawyers, and the Italian American Political Coalition; he is a
27 founder and past chairman of Casa Italia, the Chicago-area
28 Italian-American community center, located in Stone Park; and

29 WHEREAS, As chairman of Festa Italiana in Chicago, he was
30 instrumental in raising more than \$1 million for a wide range

1 of worthy causes, including the Italian Cultural Center, Villa
2 Scalabrini, the Neediest Children's Fund, Mexican Earthquake
3 Relief, the American Jewish Committee, and Cooley's anemia
4 research; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, he has served on the board of
6 directors of the Community Currency Exchange Association, the
7 Jane Addams' Hull House Museum Advisory Board, the
8 International Museum of Surgical Science and Hall of Fame, the
9 National Hemophilia Foundation, the Lay Advisory Board of Villa
10 Scalabrini Home for the Aged, and Austin School for the
11 Mentally Disabled; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Fornelli has been honored by the following
13 institutions and individuals: the Community Currency Exchange
14 Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, Casa Italia,
15 City of Hope, the Gregorians (a society of Italian-American
16 educators), the Italian American Executives of Transportation,
17 the Justinian Society of Lawyers, the National Institute of
18 Human Relations, the Italian Cultural Association, the
19 National Hemophilia Foundation, and the prime minister of
20 Israel; and

21 WHEREAS, The son of Gennaro, who hails from Naples, and
22 Madelyn, who "hails from Calabria by way of Des Moines, Iowa",
23 Mr. Fornelli is a life-long Chicago resident; he is a graduate
24 of Our Lady of the Angels Grade School, St. Ignatius High
25 School, Loyola University of Chicago, and DePaul University Law
26 School; he lives in Chicago with his wife, Angela, and is the
27 father of five, the grandfather of nine, and the
28 great-grandfather of one; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
31 we congratulate Mr. Anthony J. Fornelli on being a recipient of
32 the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Humanitarian of the Year Award

1 given by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Mr. Fornelli as an expression of our esteem.