



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Old Neighborhood Italian American Club  
3 (ONIAC) was founded in 1981, when 30 men donated \$100 each to  
4 get the club started; and

5 WHEREAS, It was originally founded to bring together social  
6 friends and neighbors who resided in or had moved from the  
7 Chinatown, Armour Square, and Bridgeport community; and

8 WHEREAS, The organization is located at 3031 South Shields  
9 in a huge building that offers a banquet room, workout  
10 facilities, locker rooms, sauna, pool tables, library, and a  
11 sitting room for relaxing and watching television; club  
12 membership now numbers 600 male members, and the Women's  
13 Alliance has 200 members; and

14 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the ONIAC has sponsored  
15 numerous charitable activities, mainly for children, including  
16 a scholarship program, an anti-drug and alcohol seminar,  
17 Breakfast with Santa, the donation of computers to local  
18 schools, the sponsorship of local youth sports teams, an ONIAC  
19 Youth Boxing program, and holiday food baskets for the needy in  
20 the community; the organization has made its facility available  
21 to neighborhood churches and schools for functions such as  
22 graduations, fundraisers, and anniversary celebrations; and

23 WHEREAS, The ONIAC will celebrate its 25th anniversary on  
24 Saturday, April 29, 2006; 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 congratulate the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club on  
28 the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Old Neighborhood Italian American Club as an  
2 expression of our esteem.