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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor the life of Dr. James  
4 Barushok of Northeastern Illinois University; and

5           WHEREAS, For 15 of his 30 years at Northeastern, James  
6 Barushok chaired the Department of Speech and Performing Arts;  
7 he contributed significantly to the growth and development of  
8 the department and was instrumental in the creation of its  
9 graduate program, which continued under his guidance as the  
10 department's Director of Graduate Studies; and

11           WHEREAS, He was an exemplary teacher; his students and  
12 colleagues benefitted not only from his expertise in theatre  
13 history, theory, and interpretation but from his  
14 accessibility, availability, and his willingness to serve as a  
15 guide and mentor; and

16           WHEREAS, Outside the classroom Dr. Barushok directed more  
17 than fifty theatrical productions, including works by  
18 Shakespeare, Ibsen, and Shaw; he acted in over 30 productions;  
19 and he founded two theatre programs, one at the University of  
20 Maine and one in Chicago; and

21           WHEREAS, Dr. Barushok was an active participant and office

1 holder in the Speech Communication Association and the American  
2 Theatre Association, and served on several North Central  
3 Accreditation Association visitation committees; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Barushok had a long record of service to the  
5 college and the university including serving as a University  
6 Advisor, as a member of the University Theatre Advisory Board  
7 and the Fine Arts General Education Outcomes Task Force, as  
8 well as chairing the University Faculty Excellence Awards  
9 Committee and serving as president of the University Senate;  
10 his dedication and readiness to serve made him an invaluable  
11 member of the university community and he takes with him the  
12 respect and appreciation of his students and colleagues;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 honor the life of Dr. James Barushok, who died on Saturday, May  
17 5, 2007; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to Dr. James Barushok's family as a symbol of our  
20 respect and esteem.