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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Leon  
4 Shlofrock of Skokie, who passed away on September 12, 2008; and

5           WHEREAS, Leon Shlofrock started what is now the Illinois  
6 Long Term Care Council in 1976, which today represents 200  
7 Illinois health-care facilities that treat some 37,000  
8 residents; the council's advocacy includes lobbying efforts on  
9 health-care and public aid policies pertinent to the industry;  
10 he served as the council's president until earlier in this  
11 decade; Mr. Shlofrock was friendly with governors starting with  
12 former Governor Dan Walker and served on numerous State boards  
13 and committees; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Shlofrock grew up in Brooklyn, the son of a  
15 Polish immigrant furrier; after graduating from Lincoln High  
16 School in Brooklyn, New York, he took classes at the University  
17 of Chicago and George Washington University; he was a talented  
18 baseball player, playing catcher with teams that included the  
19 Brooklyn Furriers; and

20           WHEREAS, He served with the United States Army during World  
21 War II and fought in France, where he was shot in the right arm  
22 and shipped to England to recuperate; he was later made an

1 honorary colonel by former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar; and

2 WHEREAS, He became active in the labor movement in New York  
3 after the war and was an officer in the Amalgamated Meat  
4 Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America; he came to Chicago in  
5 1955 and held posts that included business manager with a local  
6 of the Chicago Fur Workers Union before retiring from labor  
7 work in 1968; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Shlofrock was a natural storyteller whose own  
9 life provided some of his best tales; he was a dedicated  
10 horse-player, owned a number of thoroughbreds, and was a  
11 regular at tracks throughout Chicagoland; in 2000, Governor  
12 George Ryan appointed him to the Illinois Racing Board and he  
13 stepped down from the board four years later; and

14 WHEREAS, Leon Shlofrock is survived by his wife Jean; his  
15 sons, John and Mike Langer; his daughter, Elisa Zusman; and his  
16 five grandchildren; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Leon  
20 Shlofrock; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Leon Shlofrock as a symbol of our  
2 sincere sympathy.