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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 Ronald J.
4 "Ron" Buonauro of Plainfield, who passed away on October 14,
5 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Ronald Buonauro was born on January 20, 1941 in
7 Chicago; he grew up near Taylor and Laflin Streets in Chicago
8 and attended McClaren Grammar School and Harrison High School;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ronald Buonauro was the former lead singer of the
11 Del Tones, Ronnie B. and the Knickknacks, and the Five Star
12 Edition; an accomplished singer, he was the recipient of a gold
13 record with the single "Lover's Prayer"; and

14 WHEREAS, Ronald Buonauro was employed as a car salesman for
15 Al Piemonte Ford in Melrose Park and Fencl-Tufo Chevy City in
16 Glendale Heights, among others, and was a former part owner of
17 Countryside Datsun in LaSalle-Peru; he and his family started
18 Buonauro's Ristorante in Naperville, operating the restaurant
19 from 1979 to 1982; in July of 1990, the family opened Caf
20 Buonaro's in Naperville, which received the Naperville Chamber
21 of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, Ronald Buonauro was well known for his charitable
2 endeavors and for his community involvement; he was a member of
3 the Naperville Rotary Club and was named "Rotarian of the Year"
4 in 2008; he was a tireless advocate of St. Patrick's Residence
5 in Naperville, where he received the "Order of Croagh Patrick";
6 he was also active with Little Friends, the Naperville
7 Education Foundation, the Heritage YMCA, and the Johnny Genna
8 Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, Ronald Buonauro was an avid golfer; he was a
10 former member of Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora and was
11 very proud of his "three hole-in-ones"; and

12 WHEREAS, Ronald Buonauro was the loving husband of 46 years
13 to Regina "Tina" Buonauro (nee Fleseras), whom he married on
14 September 22, 1962; the devoted father of Michelle Marie (Kevin
15 Trochelman) Hedl and Tina Marie (John) McConnaughey; the adored
16 papa of "his heart", Lindsay Hedl and "his buddies", Michael
17 Hedl and Johnny McConnaughey; the beloved son of the late
18 Salvatore and Marie Buonauro; the dear brother of Madge (the
19 late Ralph) Ferraro, Delores Buonauro, Carmie (Gerry)
20 Buonauro, the late Mary (the late Billy) DiSomma, Sam (Ann)
21 Buonauro, Carmella "Lala" (the late Ralph) Del Fiacco, Dominic
22 "Chuck" (Gail) Buonauro, Lucille "Lu" (the late Joe) Vestuto,
23 and Bob (Liz) Buonauro; the fond uncle, great-uncle, and
24 great-great uncle to many; the loving brother-in-law of

1 Florence Buonauro; and the dear friend of many; therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Ronald
6 J. "Ron" Buonauro; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Ronald Buonauro as an expression of
9 our sympathy.