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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the passing of Gregory
4 A. Adamski of Chicago, who passed away on February 14, 2011;
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6 WHEREAS, Greg lived life with passion, for his wife, Karen
7 Conti, who he adored, his family, his profession, his clients,
8 for people, and for learning; and

9 WHEREAS, Greg was born on October 14, 1948 in Chicago's
10 Marquette Park; he received a Bachelor's and Master's degree
11 from Xavier University and a law degree from Catholic
12 University of America Law School in Washington, D.C., where he
13 was a law review editor; after serving as a law clerk to U.S.
14 District Court Judge Richard B. Austin, he joined the law firm
15 of Winston & Strawn, where he became a partner and developed
16 the firm's first pro bono program; and

17 WHEREAS, Greg and his wife, best friend, and law partner,
18 Karen Conti, hosted "Legally Speaking" on Sunday nights on WGN
19 AM 720, discussing and debating legal issues in the news and
20 fielding listeners' legal questions; and

21 WHEREAS, Greg and his wife were founding and managing

1 partners in the Chicago law firm of Adamski and Conti LLC and
2 taught at the University of Illinois College of Law; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout nearly 40 years as an attorney, Greg
4 tried hundreds of cases and argued more than 60 appeals,
5 including one in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of
6 the Cook County Democratic Party; in the 1990s, Greg and his
7 wife, Karen, also represented serial killer John Wayne Gacy in
8 the last set of his death row appeals; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2001, Greg received the first Elmer Gertz Award
10 from the Illinois Bar Association for representing the poor and
11 advocating civil rights; he received numerous awards and
12 recognitions both as an outstanding attorney and for his radio
13 shows on WGN and on other stations; and

14 WHEREAS, Gregory Adamski is survived by his wife, Karen
15 Conti; his mother, Catherine Bandurski; his siblings, Mary Sue
16 Thomas, Richard Adams, and Michael Adamski; and his son, Rik;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
21 Gregory A. Adamski; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Gregory A. Adamski as a symbol of
3 our sincere sympathy.