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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened by the death of our friend and
4 colleague, State Representative Mark Beaubien Jr. of
5 Barrington Hills, who passed away on June 5, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Beaubien was born on October 30, 1942, in
7 Waukegan; he married Dee Prola Beaubien on August 15, 1964, in
8 Springfield; together, they raised 2 sons and have 5
9 grandchildren; Dee was his wife for 47 years, his best friend
10 of over 50 years, and the source of much of his inspiration;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien was an Assistant
13 Republican Leader; he served as State Representative since his
14 appointment in October of 1995 to fill a vacancy; after being
15 elected in the 1996 primary and general elections, he was
16 subsequently re-elected to seven additional two-year terms;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to becoming a lawmaker, Representative
19 Beaubien served as a member of the Lake County Board from 1992
20 to 1996, during which time he also served as Township
21 Supervisor of the City of Cuba; he also enjoyed a successful
22 career in both law and banking, quickly emerging as a community

1 leader through his professional experience and civic
2 involvement; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien's expertise in law and
4 finance proved to be a tremendous asset as the House
5 Republicans' chief budget negotiator; in this role, Rep.
6 Beaubien became a leading advocate for fiscal responsibility;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the General Assembly, some of
9 Representative Beaubien's proudest moments included
10 spearheading initiatives to make seatbelt enforcement a
11 primary reason for law enforcement to stop a vehicle, voting
12 with his convictions in support of the Human Rights Amendment
13 and the recent Civil Union Bill, passing a bill that provides
14 Municipal Pension Reform, leading the charge to save Round Lake
15 Schools, and playing an active role in the Sportsman's Caucus
16 and issues related to hunting and other open space issues; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien was dedicated to
18 community service throughout his life; his civic activities
19 over the years includes his involvement with the Northwestern
20 University Committee on Athletics and Recreation (1988-1992),
21 the Board of Directors of Buehler YMCA in Palatine (1971-1993),
22 the Board of Directors at Northwest Community Hospital
23 (1978-1991); he was a member of the John Evans Club of

1 Northwestern University (1988-2011), the Barrington Area
2 Community Center Task Force (1993-1995), the Barrington Area
3 Seniors Task Force (1994-1997), the Founders' Committee of the
4 Ela Area YMCA (1994-1997), and the Lake County and Illinois
5 State Bar Associations; he also coached Little League baseball
6 and football for many years; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien received his bachelor's
8 degree from Northwestern University in 1964 and his Juris
9 Doctor from the Northwestern University School of Law in 1967;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien was revered for his
12 knowledge, compassion, and sense of humor; his door was always
13 open and he was often sought out for advice by members from
14 both parties; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien was a confident man who
16 refused to limit his ideals to those of his generation,
17 embracing the timeless values of honor, respect, loyalty, and
18 integrity, while rejecting its occasional intolerance and
19 prejudice; he knew instinctively that the fundamental rights
20 that he both cherished and demanded were meaningless unless
21 they were enjoyed by all men and women; his principled
22 leadership made it easy for him to support issues and causes
23 that were unpopular with some; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Beaubien's easy wit, quick smile,
2 and unpretentious wisdom made him well liked by even those with
3 whom he disagreed; if asked why he was one of the few
4 Republican supporters of the Civil Union Bill, he would respond
5 with humility and simplicity that it was simply time and that
6 we should all "live our lives and speak our own truths"; his
7 legacy is in his conviction and his values; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn, along with his family, friends, and constituents, the
11 passing of Illinois State Representative Mark Beaubien Jr.; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Representative Mark Beaubien, Jr. as
15 a symbol of our sincere sympathy.