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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. James A. Waldorf; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Waldorf was born in East Moline to James "Roy" and Lois Waldorf; he served the Chicagoland area through many forms of community service; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Waldorf was Dean and Assistant Principal at Proviso East High School from 1963 to 1978 and then Principal at Plainfield Central High School from 1978 to 1993; he served as Assistant Superintendent from 1993 to 1994 and as Principal at St. Mary Immaculate Parish School from 1994 to 2006; he was the Mayor of Plainfield from 2005 to 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Waldorf was essential in keeping Plainfield Central High School's responsibilities to its students after its building was destroyed in the tornado of 1990; he was responsible for leading the high school community and the relocation of the student body to the former Carmelite boys' high school in Joliet, which housed the students from Plainfield for several years until their new high school could be constructed; and

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1 WHEREAS, Soon after Plainfield Central High School was
2 opened, Dr. Waldorf left public education and was hired on as
3 Principal of the newly rebuilt St. Mary Immaculate Parish
4 School; in doing so, he played a major part in the construction
5 of both Plainfield's private and public high school systems;
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7 WHEREAS, Dr. Waldorf was also heavily involved within the
8 communities he taught; he was President of the Plainfield
9 Rotary, an avid member of the Knights of Columbus, and
10 President of the Plainfield Food Pantry; he served on the YMCA
11 Board for 15 years and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of
12 Plainfield; he was also active within Mainstreet Plainfield;
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14 WHEREAS, Dr. Waldorf was a very warm individual known
15 throughout the communities he served and will be remembered for
16 his consistent offering of a grand smile and heartfelt "Good
17 Morning"; his devotion to Plainfield's children, their
18 families, and their education, as well as his various other
19 services to the community will always be remembered fondly; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Waldorf leaves behind his beloved wife of 27
21 years, Mary Ann, their children, Rhea (James) Scheuing, Nicola
22 Waldorf, Michael (Jennifer) LaMontagna, and Joseph (Jamie)
23 LaMontagna, and their grandchildren Dane, Brenna, Maura, Ava,

1 and Franco; he was also the dear brother of Michael and
2 Christine and the fond uncle to numerous nieces and nephews;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 mourn the passing of Dr. James A. Waldorf, and extend our
7 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
8 and loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Dr. Waldorf as an expression of our
11 deepest sympathy.