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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 former State Representative John S. Matijevich, who passed away on November 3, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich was born in North Chicago to Mike and Anna Matijevich on December 25, 1927; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich served in the United States Army before serving the citizen of North Chicago as the Police Magistrate and later the Police Chief of the city; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich served as an Illinois State Representative from 1967 to 1993, where he was a proud advocate for the many workers in his blue collar district and provided a voice as a "people's advocate" for those whose voices were underrepresented; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich was a fervent believer in open, accountable government operations; and

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WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich was a consumer advocate, before the term was in vogue, through his efforts to create the Citizens Utility Board and tussles with the Illinois

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1 Commerce Commission and Illinois Toll Highway Authority; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich's commitment to  
3 community was embodied through his decades of service to groups  
4 like the Croatian Fraternal Union, the Moose, and Knights of  
5 Columbus; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich wrote newspaper columns  
7 for the North Chicago Tribune and the Lake County Journal, and  
8 was active in his community throughout his life; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich was able to watch his  
10 beloved Chicago Cubs win the World Series a few hours before  
11 his death; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Matijevich is survived by his wife  
13 of 60 years, Agnes; his son, who was the apple of his eye,  
14 Robert; his sister, Rose; and many other family members and  
15 friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
17 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
18 mourn the passing of former State Representative John S.  
19 Matijevich, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
20 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Representative Matijevich as an  
3 expression of our respect and deepest sympathy.