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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 Frank H. "Bud" Paschen, who passed away on December 12, 2016, at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, To the world, Frank Paschen will be remembered for his strong entrepreneurial spirit and shrewd business acumen; as a fourth-generation contractor, he built up the company that his family founded in the City of Chicago, dating back nearly a century and half to the Great Chicago Fire of 1871; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Paschen was the founder, chairman, and life behind F.H. Paschen S. N. Nielsen and its associated companies; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Paschen began working in the family business at a very young age; he started as a laborer for Paschen Contractors and continued to work for the firm as an estimator through his college studies at Northwestern University, where he graduated with a degree in civil engineering in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Frank Paschen was instrumental in helping his family business grow into one of the largest and most prestigious construction companies in Chicago; his company was

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1 responsible for helping build two landmark structures in the
2 City, the McCormick Place and the IBM Building; and

3 WHEREAS, Seeking further opportunities for growth, Frank
4 Paschen ventured out on his own in 1975, founding his own
5 company, which performed primarily remodeling and
6 rehabilitation work in the Chicago area; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank Paschen possessed an incredible ability to
8 envisage emerging markets; coupled with the acquisition of both
9 S.N. Nielsen Company and Paschen Contractors, Inc., he managed
10 to build his company into a multi-million dollar enterprise
11 which, to-date, operates in 25 states, completing projects in
12 commercial, industrial, and civil industries; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, F.H. Paschen and S.N. Nielsen employs
14 thousands of workers each year; his company takes on every
15 aspect of a construction project; as head of his company, he
16 meticulously oversaw each facet of his company in order to
17 maintain the Paschen standard that has distinguished the
18 company throughout its history; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank Paschen recognized the need to give back to
20 the community; he shared his desire for industry and
21 entrepreneurship with the youth, acting as principal-for-a-day
22 in the Chicago Public Schools and adopting in-need schools,

1 such as Howland School and the Ace Technical Charter School;
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3 WHEREAS, Frank Paschen was preceded in death by his
4 daughter, Sarah, and his brother, Harry Jay Paschen; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank Paschen is survived by his loving wife,
6 Dianne M. (Tieken) Paschen; his dear children, Debora, Jeanne
7 (David), Mary, Frank Henry (Joanne), Tony (Kari), Paul (Anne),
8 Elisabeth (John), and Daniel (Kauren); his dearest
9 grandchildren, Brooke, Isabella, and Lillian Rose; his
10 siblings, Laverne (Walker) Finney; and his many fond nieces and
11 nephews; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Paschen was a hard-working, true visionary
13 who served to inspire not only his colleagues, staff, and
14 family, but also, to serve as a shining example to every
15 Illinoisan; 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 Frank H. Paschen, and extend our sincere
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Frank Paschen as a symbol of our
2 deepest sympathy and appreciation for his remarkable
3 contributions to the State of Illinois.