

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are honored to recognize milestone events in
4 the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that former State
6 Representative Frank Giglio will be honored for his 35-year
7 career in public service; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on November 9, 1933, Frank
9 Giglio earned his bachelor's degree from Governors State
10 University in 1986; he served in the United States Army as
11 Troop Information Officer from 1955 to 1957; in addition, he
12 is a retired Plumbing Contractor who served as a member of
13 Local #130 and a private pilot; and

14 WHEREAS, Frank Giglio began his public service career by
15 representing the people of his area before the Chicago City
16 Council for the purpose of repairing and installing drains in
17 the alleys; after his neighbors urged him to run as Alderman,
18 Mr. Giglio was successfully elected to the Chicago City
19 Council, serving from 1963 to 1965; during his tenure, he led
20 the charge to repair the alleys, install sidewalks, clean the
21 Calumet River, and install streetlights in the community; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Giglio served in the Illinois House of
23 Representatives from 1972 until his retirement in 1994;
24 during the late 1980s and until his retirement from the
25 House, he served in Leadership as House Majority Caucus
26 Chairman under Speaker Michael Madigan; and

27 WHEREAS, During his term in the House, Frank Giglio
28 brought in funding for schools, erection of a new Burnham
29 Avenue Bridge, the addition of new streets and repaving of
30 existing streets, new cars for the South Shore, and repair of
31 the Burnham Railroad Crossing; in addition, he fought for the

1 passage of a 10-minute maximum for trains to tie-up railroad
2 crossings; and

3 WHEREAS, Frank Giglio was fondly referred to as the
4 "traveling chef"; his Capitol office was often filled with
5 the aroma of homemade Italian dishes; he served as chef for
6 many of his colleagues and friends in Springfield; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Giglio would often let lobbyists,
8 who included friends Tom Duffy, Dan Houlihan, and Jim Dudley,
9 take over his office; he was known to often say "the Irish
10 have taken over my office" as he worked from his secretary's
11 desk; and

12 WHEREAS, From 1973 to 2002, Frank Giglio served as
13 Democratic Committeeman for Thornton Township, the largest
14 township in the State of Illinois; he also served as
15 Vice-Chairmen of Cook County Suburban Committeemen; during
16 his tenure, he overturned a predominantly Republican voting
17 block in Thornton Township that had lasted for over 20 years;
18 he successfully supported and helped elect several
19 Democratic candidates for local, township, county, State, and
20 federal offices; he also assisted in obtaining gainful
21 employment in business, industry, and government for over 400
22 unemployed residents of Thornton Township, supported
23 recreational projects of various organizations and park
24 districts, contributed to various religious and charitable
25 organizations, and maintained a service office to assist
26 residents with problems relating to various governmental
27 entities; and

28 WHEREAS, Frank Giglio has been the recipient of many
29 awards and commendations from civic organizations, including
30 the Lions Club of Illinois, the Illinois Small Businessmen
31 Association, the Motor Vehicles Laws Commission, the Illinois
32 Community College Trustees Association, the Architects

1 Illinois Council, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, the
2 Chicago South Chamber of Commerce, the South Suburban YMCA,
3 the Chicago Board of Education, Prairie State College, and
4 March of Dimes; in addition, he has received awards from the
5 Central Council Italian Catholic Federation, the Calumet City
6 Fraternal Order of Police, the Calumet City Civic League,
7 V.F.W. Post #8141, New Hope School, and LARC-Association for
8 Retarded Citizens; he also was the recipient of the
9 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Senior Citizen Achievement;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Frank Giglio will now have more time to spend at
12 his house in Michigan "rebuilding" his wall (to keep the lake
13 away from his house), repainting the steps, planting more
14 flowers, mowing and watering the grass, and playing golf; and

15 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the many colleagues of
16 Frank Giglio will celebrate his 35-year public service career
17 at a surprise reception on June 5, 2002; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Frank Giglio on his outstanding career in
21 public service; and we wish him well in all of his future
22 endeavors; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to Frank Giglio as an expression of our esteem.