

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Lazaro
4 Diaz of Chicago, who passed away recently; we wish to extend
5 our condolences to his beloved wife of 36 years, Judy; and

6 WHEREAS, Lazaro Diaz, known affectionately as "Freddie",
7 was born in Cuba in 1935; his sister Delores brought him to
8 the United States, where he joined the Seminary; Mr. Diaz
9 later came to live in Cincinnati, where he joined the United
10 States Army; and

11 WHEREAS, After Mr. Diaz served his country in the Army,
12 he moved to Chicago and studied Mechanical Engineering at the
13 Illinois Institute of Technology; it was there that Mr.
14 Diaz's landlady could not pronounce his name, so she said,
15 "You look like a Freddy", and from then on he was known as
16 Freddy; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz was always very proud of his Cuban
18 heritage and returned to Cuba in 1960 as a reporter for a
19 Skokie newspaper to cover the events of the Cuban Revolution,
20 where he was temporarily detained with many of his former
21 countryman; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz was a capable and respected mechanical
23 engineer, who worked for many years for Litton Industries,
24 and later for S&C Electric in Chicago; in the course of his
25 job, Mr. Diaz had the opportunity to travel around the United
26 States and the world and find new friends wherever he went;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, The foundation in Mr. Diaz' life was his 36
29 years of love, laughter, and marriage to his wife, Judy;
30 after their introduction by friends while Judy was in
31 college, they shared many wonderful moments together; the two

1 shared their love of music, food, laughter, friendship,
2 religion, community, and travel together; always the Latin
3 romantic, Mr. Diaz started each day by saying "I Love You" to
4 his wife; he also felt blessed to share the love of Judy's
5 family; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz was active in his community of
7 Edgewater, where he and Judy owned an apartment building at
8 1344 West Rosedale; Mr. Diaz was always proud of his building
9 and shared friendship, laughter, and many stories with his
10 many neighbors, including his dear friend, the late Kathy
11 Osterman; he also could be seen in the community walking his
12 cherished dogs Drambue, Irish, and Alex; Mr. Diaz brought a
13 smile to those who knew him; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz in 1992 had a quadruple bypass, and a
15 month of recovery, and thus had a new lease of life; from
16 this event Mr. Diaz renewed his faith in the church and he
17 and his wife, Judy, took a more active role in St. Gertrude
18 Parish in Edgewater; their activity in the church furthered
19 their ability to share their faith and friendship with
20 neighbors and parishioners; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz had a kind word and a smile for
22 everyone he met and shared his love of life with his wife
23 Judy, family, and friends; those that shared his friendship
24 will deeply miss this wonderful man and remember his big
25 heart and kindness; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Diaz will be deeply missed by all those who
27 knew and loved him, especially his wife, Judy, her family,
28 and his many friends and neighbors; therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
30 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
31 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Lazaro
32 Diaz of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Lazaro Diaz as an expression of
3 our esteem.