

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Robert G. Barker of Des Plaines on February 26, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker was born on June 8, 1922 in Jay,
6 Maine; he married Rosebelle on April 6, 1945; he served as a
7 naval intelligence radio communications technician during
8 World War II from 1942 to 1945 and served in the Korean
9 Conflict from 1951 to 1952; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker earned a bachelor's degree in 1956
11 and a master's degree in 1962 from Northwestern University;
12 he was a member of Phi Delta Kappa fraternity; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker retired in 1986 after a 30 year
14 career with Maine Township High School District 207; he
15 started as an English teacher at the former Maine Township
16 High School, now Maine East High School; he was the district
17 reading coordinator in 1960 and was the chair of the Maine
18 East English department from 1961 until he was named
19 assistant principal of Maine South in 1964; he returned to
20 Maine East as principal in 1979, then became principal of
21 Maine South High School in 1981 where he retired; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Barker was committed to community service;
23 he served as a past president of the Park Ridge Mental Health
24 Association and the Park Ridge Rotary Club; he was treasurer
25 of the Park Ridge United Way, a trustee of the Maine Township
26 High School Educational Foundation, and a member of the Board
27 of the Des Plaines Community Senior Center; and

28 WHEREAS, Hobbies were an important part of Mr. Barker's
29 life; he used his carpentry and cabinet making skills
30 throughout his life; he helped to construct the United Way
31 donation sign for the Park Ridge United Way; he was also

1 skilled at creating jewelry and stained glass; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Robert G. Barker has been deeply
3 felt by all who knew him, especially his wife, Rosebelle; his
4 sons, David (Judith) Barker and Donald (Lynda) Barker; his
5 daughter, Bonnie Barker; his grandchildren, Kurt (Kristine)
6 Barker and Holly (Christopher) Knight; his sister, Dorothy
7 White; his four great-grandchildren; his niece; and his two
8 nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Robert G. Barker of Des Plaines and
12 extend our sincerest condolences to his friends, family, and
13 all who knew him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Robert G. Barker as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.