



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On March 30, 1981, President Ronald Reagan was  
3 scheduled to speak to a labor conference at 1:45 p.m. at the  
4 Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.; and

5 WHEREAS, John Hinckley, Jr. ventured to the Washington  
6 Hilton Hotel on March 30, 1981 with the goal of assassinating  
7 President Reagan; and

8 WHEREAS, At 1:30 p.m., Hinckley stepped forward from a  
9 crowd of television reporters and fired six shots from a Rohm  
10 R6-14 revolver at President Reagan; and

11 WHEREAS, The bullets from Hinckley's gun struck President  
12 Reagan in the left chest, Press Secretary James Brady in the  
13 left temple, Washington D.C. police officer Thomas Delahanty in  
14 the neck, and Secret Service agent Timothy J. McCarthy in the  
15 stomach; and

16 WHEREAS, Hinckley was immediately arrested, and after  
17 seven weeks of testimony and three days of jury deliberation,  
18 he was found to have carried out his assassination attempt  
19 while under psychotic delusion and pronounced not guilty by  
20 reason of insanity; and

21 WHEREAS, Immediately after the verdict, Hinckley was  
22 committed to St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital in Washington,  
23 D.C. where he underwent a psychiatric evaluation and was  
24 classified as a danger to himself, Jodie Foster, and any other  
25 third party whom he would consider incidental to his ultimate  
26 aims; and

27 WHEREAS, James "Jim" Brady was born in Centralia and is a  
28 former resident of Chicago; he is a graduate of the University  
29 of Illinois, where he earned a B.S. degree in communications

1 and political science; and

2 WHEREAS, Jim suffered permanent brain damage from the  
3 gunshot wound inflicted by Hinckley, as his memory and speech  
4 are forever impaired; his left leg was left partially paralyzed  
5 and his left arm remains completely paralyzed; and

6 WHEREAS, On December 17, 2003, U.S. District Court Judge  
7 Paul L. Friedman ruled that Hinckley no longer poses a serious  
8 danger to himself or others and granted Hinckley permission to  
9 begin a series of six daytime and two overnight visits with his  
10 parents in the Washington, D.C. area; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Friedman, who took the case following the  
12 2001 death of Judge June Green, who consistently ruled against  
13 Hinckley, rejected the arguments of federal prosecutors, who  
14 said that Hinckley has a history of deception and that they  
15 believe he is concealing dangerous thoughts and remains a risk;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Friedman's decision not only endangers the  
18 public and leaves many in outrage, but serves as an affront to  
19 Hinckley's victims and their families; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 condemn Judge Paul L. Friedman for his December 17, 2003 ruling  
23 allowing attempted presidential assassin, John Hinckley, Jr.,  
24 unsupervised daytime and overnight visits with his parents; and  
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
27 Judge Paul L. Friedman.