



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Mayor
4 Richard "Dick" Rock of Plainfield on Sunday, June 27, 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Rock was born June 27, 1929 in Joliet to
6 Alexander and Anne Rock; and

7 WHEREAS, Mayor Rock valiantly served his country in the
8 U.S. Air Force during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956; he was
9 a member of Plainfield American Legion Marne Post #3; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Rock operated Rock's Grocery and Meats from
11 1961 until 1989 and Rock's Deli from 1972 until 1996; the
12 grocery store was the last one in town where local residents
13 could keep a running tab based on the honor system; and

14 WHEREAS, Mayor Rock's political career began in 1992, when
15 he was appointed as a Trustee of the Village of Plainfield; he
16 was elected to the position the following year and served until
17 1997, when he was elected Mayor of the Village of Plainfield
18 and served faithfully until his death; he is remembered as a
19 good man for whom reputation meant everything, as very
20 accommodating and kind, and as a real people person; and

21 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mayor Rock was especially proud
22 of several accomplishments, especially the new Village Hall
23 building, the newly signed extended boundary agreement with
24 Joliet, and the town's recent switch to Lake Michigan water; he
25 led one of Chicago's fastest growing communities by embracing
26 change and preserving the community's heritage, and under his
27 leadership, the population of Plainfield grew from 5,000 to
28 23,000; and

29 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mayor Rock liked to bowl and

1 fish; he was an avid baseball fan who rooted for the Chicago
2 White Sox; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock has been
4 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Mardel (nee Corwin);
5 his sister, Rene Taylor; his niece, Cindy (William) Waznis; his
6 cousin, Ray Rock; his aunt, Doris Babich; his uncle, Charles
7 Babich; his dear friend, Cheryl Henbest; and his many nieces
8 and nephews; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
11 mourn the passing of Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock, a man who's
12 leadership and caring nature won him the unequivocal admiration
13 of the citizens of Plainfield in addition to his family,
14 friends, and many others who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Mayor Richard "Dick" Rock as an
18 expression of our deepest sympathy for their loss.