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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were grieved to learn of the death of Lawrence E. Burke on Tuesday, February 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke attended Leo High School and went on to earn a BS in biology and an MS ED in education administration from Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, he taught junior high science and geography in the Chicago area; he worked at Illinois State University as an Administrator in the student teaching office; he also worked at the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Capital Resources Advisors/SEI Corporation in Funds Evaluation, and retired from Marco Consulting Group as a Data Liaison; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke's love of music was extensive, from Lyric Opera in Chicago to Broadway shows in New York; he was an active member of the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus for the past 18 years, singing lower Bass and acting as GALA coordinator; he was an avid square dancer with Chi-Town Squares since 1993; his love of travel, especially via train, took him to all parts of the United States, Canada, Asia, and Europe, and he was a member of the National Association of Railroad Passengers; and

WHEREAS, His love of life, kind smile, and gentle caring will be missed by his many friends and all those he touched over the years, especially his partner in life, Rob Sierzega; his father, John Burke; his brother, David (Terese) Burke; his sister-in-law and brothers-in-law, Alexandra (Jerry) Dilley, Fred (Bernie) Sierzega, and David Sierzega; his nieces and nephews, Lisa, Molly, and Kyle Burke, Diane (Zig) Gadziala, Sue (John) Schebler, Garrett Dilley, and Brian (Ann) Sierzega; his great-nieces, Camille and Eliza Gadziala and Olivia and Abigail Sierzega; his grand-nephews, Damir and Arthur Schebler; and his

1 many other cherished relatives; he was preceded in death by his  
2 mother, Mary Estelle Burke; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we mourn the passing of Lawrence E. Burke, and we extend our  
6 sincerest condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
7 and loved him; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
10 sympathy for their loss.