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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Daniel P. O'Brien was born in 1924 in Cook County  
3 Hospital; he started shining shoes on Chicago streets at the  
4 age of 8 to help pay the rent with his mother as she raised 2  
5 boys alone; and

6           WHEREAS, Because of his fighting abilities, Mr. O'Brien was  
7 recruited by the Mercy Home to be a CYO boxer in a bantam  
8 weight division; he was also recruited to the boxing team of  
9 the USS Wakefield while serving in the Coast Guard during World  
10 War II where he fought for the ship's championship, beating  
11 Harold Schwartz; Mr. O'Brien has kept that fighting spirit  
12 throughout his business career, becoming a successful  
13 businessman in real estate, health care, and restaurants; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. O'Brien returned to Chicago after the war and  
15 took a job as a taxi driver; in 1979, he opened O'Briens  
16 Sirloin Inn to friends, neighbors, conventioneers, and  
17 politicians; throughout the years, Mr. O'Brien's unwavering  
18 vision, business savvy, and fighting spirit contributed to the  
19 prosperity of Old Town; he spends most of his time now at  
20 O'Briens Restaurant at Whittaker Woods Golf Course in New  
21 Buffalo, Michigan; and

22           WHEREAS, Still working after 7 decades, Mr. O'Brien has  
23 become multi-oriented to his businesses comprising of  
24 restaurant and lodging hospitality, commercial and residential  
25 real estate, long-term care, golf course design, and the  
26 establishment of a taxi service in New Buffalo; at a young 80  
27 years old, the same spirit can be seen in Mr. O'Brien on a  
28 daily basis; and

29           WHEREAS, His passions of his life begin at home; Mr.  
30 O'Brien and his wife, Mary, have raised 6 children and have 16  
31 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we congratulate Daniel O'Brien on being chosen as the Grand  
4 Marshall of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago,  
5 and on all of his life's achievements; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Mr. O'Brien as an expression of our respect and  
8 esteem.