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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Retired Illinois State Representative Harold Murphy will be honored by The Pastors Network on Monday, January 15, 2007 during the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Harold Murphy was born on April 1, 1938 in Birmingham, Alabama and has become one of South Suburban Chicago's most astute political strategists, but most importantly- one of Illinois' most respected public servants; he has become a trailblazer in the fight for civil rights, social justice, and equality in education and jobs for all people; and

WHEREAS, He has a Bachelor of Arts in Education with Honors from Northeastern Illinois University; he served in the Army Reserves for eight years and was employed for over 20 years as executive director of the Charles Chew Facility of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office; he has been active with the local school board and the Markham Park District for over 33 years as well as the local Little League Baseball Team; he served the city of Markham as alderman for six years and was elected to the Board of Trustees for South Suburban College for six years as well; in 1993 he was elected as the Illinois State Representative for the 30th Legislative District, holding the office for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Harold Murphy has been awarded the Professional Leadership Outstanding IPAC Freshman Legislator's Award, the South Suburban Parks and Recreation Legislator of the Year, the Distinguished Service Award-Markham Park District, Outstanding Statesman of the Year, and the Illinois Education Association Outstanding Legislator; and

WHEREAS, Harold Murphy served on numerous legislative

1 committees including Prison Management Reform, the Illinois
2 State Toll Highway Authority Advisory Board, the Illinois
3 Advisory Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependency,
4 Higher Education, Financial Institutions, County and
5 Townships, Commerce, Industry, and Labor, Health Care
6 Availability and Access, Environment and Energy, and
7 Elementary and Secondary Education; he co-chaired the
8 Transportation and Motor Vehicles Committee; he was
9 Vice-Chairman of the Pension Laws Commission and Chairman of
10 the Personnel and Pension committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Harold Murphy knew his job as state legislator
12 required the help of the community; he developed committees
13 within the district to more effectively resolve the issues
14 facing the district such as an educational task force, the Park
15 and Recreational Association, Clergy, Mayors, and Trustees,
16 Police and Firemen, Emergency Service, Healthcare Agencies,
17 Businessmen, Community Activists, and Seniors and Youth; and

18 WHEREAS, He often reached out to help meet the needs of his
19 community; he helped supply turkeys and food for the holiday
20 seasons, visited nursing homes and children's facilities,
21 participated in the South Suburban Toys for Tots and Angel Tree
22 programs, and helped further education by awarding Illinois
23 General Assembly Scholarships; and

24 WHEREAS, Harold Murphy actively worked in his community
25 through voter registration drives, attending school, park, and
26 library board meetings, and attending municipality, township,
27 and town hall meetings; he participated in the 2000 U.S.
28 Census, the Democratic National Convention Planning Committee
29 in Chicago; and remains an active member of the Victory
30 Christian Assembly Church; and

31 WHEREAS, Harold Murphy was married for over 46 years to the
32 late Loretta Murphy; he is a father of three and also a

1 grandfather and great-grandfather; always realizing the
2 importance of family and community, he worked for the Cook
3 County State's Attorney's Office, Cook Juvenile Detention
4 Center, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services,
5 Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of
6 Corrections, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and
7 Community Affairs; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we honor Harold Murphy for his lifetime of contributions to the
11 betterment of the State of Illinois and his community; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Harold Murphy as an expression of our esteem.