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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jim
4 Tyree; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Tyree grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of
6 Chicago; as a young boy, he delivered the Beverly Review and
7 Southtown Economist newspapers; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Tyree attended St. Barnabas Elementary School
9 and Marist High School; he subsequently attended school in the
10 City Colleges of Chicago system and at Illinois State
11 University, where he earned his bachelor's degree and his
12 Master of Business Administration degree; and

13 WHEREAS, Jim Tyree served as chairman and CEO of Mesirow
14 Financial and as chairman of Sun-Times Media; he began his
15 career at Mesirow, a diversified financial services firm, in
16 1980; after beginning as a research associate, he was named
17 president of the firm in 1990, chief executive officer in 1992
18 and chairman and chief executive officer in 1994; under his
19 leadership, Mesirow acquired some 50 firms, including the U.S.
20 Corporate Recovery practice from KPMG LLP, Dann Insurance, and
21 Boockford and Company; in October of 2009, he led an investment
22 group that took the parent company of the Chicago Sun-Times and

1 dozens of suburban newspapers out of bankruptcy; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2000, Jim Tyree was appointed to serve as board
3 chairman of the City Colleges system by Chicago Mayor Richard
4 M. Daley; he served in the position with pride and distinction
5 for 10 years; he also served on dozens of corporate, civic, and
6 not-for-profit boards, including the board of the University of
7 Chicago Medical Center; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Tyree was well known for his great generosity;
9 he donated more than \$500,000 each year to charities; he also
10 championed research on diabetes, a disease that affected him
11 during his life; he was named the 2004 Person of the Year by
12 the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in recognition of his
13 work; and

14 WHEREAS, Jim Tyree was a lifelong fan of the Chicago White
15 Sox; and

16 WHEREAS, Jim Tyree is survived by his loving wife, Eve, and
17 his children, Jessica, Matthew, and Joseph; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Jim
21 Tyree; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Jim Tyree as an expression of our
3 sympathy.