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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Philip H.
4 Corboy; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy grew up in West Rogers Park and
6 attended St. Margaret Mary Grade School in Rogers Park and St.
7 George's High School in Evanston; he subsequently attended 4
8 colleges and graduated first in his class from the Loyola
9 University Chicago School of Law in 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy served with pride as a member of the
11 United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, After working for a short time with the City of
13 Chicago, Philip Corboy began working for James Dooley, a
14 prominent personal injury lawyer who eventually became an
15 Illinois Supreme Court justice; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy began his own legal practice in
17 1952; he practiced personal injury trial law for more than 50
18 years and was the co-founder of the Chicago firm Corboy &
19 Demetrio; he continued practicing law into his early 80s; and

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WHEREAS, From 1974 through 2000, the law firm of Corboy &

1 Demetrio secured 387 settlements in excess of \$1 million; his
2 firm worked on the Tylenol poisoning case, the crashes of
3 commercial jetliners, and the 1995 collision between a train
4 and school bus that killed 7 students in Fox River Grove; and

5 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was listed by the National Law
6 Journal as one of the top 100 most influential lawyers in the
7 country since beginning its survey in 1985 and was one of only
8 13 lawyers nationwide to hold that distinction; he was listed
9 in "The Best Lawyers in America" since its inception in 1987;
10 he was also the recipient of the 1996 Big Shoulders
11 Humanitarian Award for their commitment to a fund for
12 inner-city Catholic schools; and

13 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was the first personal injury lawyer
14 to be elected president of the Chicago Bar Association in 1972;
15 he served as president of the Illinois Trial Lawyers
16 Association; he was a former chairman of the Section of
17 Litigation of the American Bar Association and a former chair
18 of the American Bar Association's Special Committee on Medical
19 Professional Liability; he also served as general counsel for
20 the Illinois Democratic Party and served on the boards of
21 directors of numerous business, legal, and charitable groups
22 and as a member of numerous medical and legal task forces; and

23 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was well known throughout his

1 community for his charity work; he led the Catholic Archdiocese
2 'Big Shoulders' fund for years; buildings were also dedicated
3 to him at the Loyola University School of Law and a room was
4 named for him at the Chicago Bar Association; he was also
5 involved in the Catholic Church Extension Society and was a
6 confidante to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin; and

7 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was preceded in death by his
8 children, Bobby and Joan Corboy; and

9 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy is survived by his wife, Mary
10 Dempsey; his sons, Philip H. "Flip" Corboy Jr., John R. Corboy,
11 and Thomas M. Corboy; his 8 grandchildren; and his brother;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
16 Philip H. Corboy; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Philip Corboy as an expression of
19 our sympathy.