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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 Judge
4 Richard Jay Elrod of Lincolnwood, who passed away on April 19,
5 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Elrod was born in Chicago on February 17,
7 1934; he attended Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville,
8 Georgia from 1947 to 1951, where he was an all-star football
9 player; he graduated from Northwestern University, where he
10 also played football, in 1955 with a degree in Political
11 Science; he married Marilyn later that same year; he received
12 his Juris Doctor in 1958 from Northwestern University Law
13 School; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Elrod had a long career of public service;
15 his experience includes: Assistant Corporation Counsel for the
16 City of Chicago from 1958 to 1960, Chief City Prosecutor for
17 the City of Chicago from 1965 to 1970, Illinois State
18 Representative from 1969 to 1970, Sheriff of Cook County from
19 1970 to 1986, Senior Assistant Attorney General from 1986 to
20 1988, and Circuit Court of Cook County Judge starting August of
21 1988; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Elrod's bar association, civic, and

1 charitable work was extensive; some of the organizations for
2 which he has served include: the Jewish Judges Association of
3 Illinois, the Center for Disability and Elder Law (Board of
4 Directors), Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago
5 (President), the Chicago Bar Association, the National Council
6 Boy Scouts of America, the Safer/Pace Foundation, the Grand
7 Lodge of Masons of Illinois (33rd Degree), State of Israel
8 Bonds (Chairman), the B'nai B'rith Council of Greater Chicago,
9 the Decalogue Society of Lawyers, and the Medinah Shrine Police
10 Unit and Legal Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Elrod received numerous special
12 recognitions, including an appointment by President Ronald
13 Reagan to serve on the United States President's Child Safety
14 Partnership (1986), the American Board of Trial Advocates'
15 Lifetime Achievement Award (2011), The Decalogue Society of
16 Lawyers - Man of the Year (2012) recognition, and Mayor Richard
17 J. Daley's Chicago Police Medal of Honor (1978); he received
18 the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers - Man of the
19 Year (1985) Award, the Disabled American Veterans - Meritorious
20 Service Award (2005), the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Award,
21 the Illinois Security Chiefs Association - Outstanding Service
22 Award, the Chicago Bar Association - Bench and Bar Committee's
23 Outstanding Service Award, the Medinah Shriners - Community
24 Service Award, the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry
25 - Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contribution to

1 Law Enforcement, and the Shaare Zedek Hospital's Man of the
2 Year Award; he was the elected President of the National
3 Sheriff's Association (1983-1984) and the Illinois Sheriff's
4 Association (1978); and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Elrod is survived by his wife of 58 years,
6 Marilyn; his children, Steven Elrod, Donna Elrod, Audrey Lakin,
7 and Ron Lakin; and his grandchildren, Elizabeth Mollen, Russell
8 Mollen, Daniel Elrod, David Lakin, and Lauren Lakin; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of Judge Richard Jay Elrod, and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Judge Elrod as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.