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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dean Sweitzer, who passed away on February 4, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer was born on December 19, 1951 in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer earned the honorable rank of Eagle Scout on June 6, 1966, an accomplishment he was particularly proud of; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer attended and received an undergraduate degree and a graduate degree in epidemiology from Tulane University in New Orleans; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer was famous for his love of long and large meals, encouraging all to over-order, overeat, and stay far too long; and

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WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer always made his presence known through the loud proclamation of one of his many calling cards: "YO!", "You're whacked!", "Ooooooooookay!", "I HATE YOU!", and "Can I smoke in here?", all shouted from his undying spirit of generosity and love; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer was a legendary personality; his
2 genuine humility made him a friend to all and a man who would
3 help anyone in need; and

4 WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer was the self-proclaimed "King of the
5 Idiots", ruling his loyal cadre of idiots from his seat at the
6 Globe Tavern and doing his work as a "hobbyist, not a
7 lobbyist"; and

8 WHEREAS, In spite of his loud protestations that he was
9 retired, Dean Sweitzer was passionate about his work protecting
10 the quality of care of the hundreds of residents served by
11 Lexington Health Care and the integrity of the long-term care
12 profession as a whole; and

13 WHEREAS, Dean Sweitzer is survived by his wife, Pat "The
14 Warden" Sweitzer; a daughter, Rachael McEniry; 3 brothers,
15 Caesar Sweitzer, Richard Sweitzer, and David Sweitzer; a
16 sister-in-law, Theresa Ventura; a brother-in-law, Gerald
17 Dennehey; 7 nieces and nephews, Emily, Charles, Christopher,
18 Taylor, and Anna Sweitzer and Timothy and Michael Ventura; and
19 countless other family members and friends; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
2 Dean Sweitzer; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Dean Sweitzer as an expression of
5 our sympathy.