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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Yoshi
4 Katsumura of Chicago, who passed away on August 2, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Yoshi Katsumura was the owner and chef of Yoshi's
6 Cafe on North Halsted, which offers a fusion of Asian and
7 French cuisine; he and his wife, Nobuko, opened the restaurant
8 in 1982, operating it for 33 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Yoshi Katsumura got his start cooking at the age
10 of 20 with an apprenticeship under Iron Chef Hiroyuki Sakai in
11 Tokyo; he moved to Chicago in 1973, working at Le Bastille, and
12 then with Jean Banchet at La Francais; from 1978 to 1982, he
13 presided over Jimmy's Place, which evolved into Jimmy and
14 Yoshi's; and

15 WHEREAS, Yoshi Katsumura was named one of America's
16 Outstanding Chefs; he received numerous accolades throughout
17 the years; and

18 WHEREAS, One of Yoshi Katsumura's proudest moments was when
19 Alderman Tom Tunney sponsored the renaming of the street his
20 cafe was on as "Yoshi Katsumura Way"; and

1 WHEREAS, Yoshi Katsumura is survived by his wife, Nobuko;
2 his children, Mari and Ken; his brother, Kazuhiro Katsumura;
3 and his grandson, Hiro; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 mourn the passing of Yoshi Katsumura, and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Yoshi Katsumura as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.