

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of former Illinois State Senator Frank
5 Savickas, who passed away on May 14, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas was the first member of
7 Lithuanian extraction to be elected to the House of
8 Representatives where he served from 1967 through 1971 and
9 the Senate where he served from 1971 through 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas grew up on the Southwest
11 Side of Chicago in a heavily Lithuanian community; he
12 attended Wilson College and once ran for United States
13 Congress in the early 1980s; he also served as a Merchant
14 Marine; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas rose through the ranks to
16 become chairman of the Senate Labor Committee and as
17 assistant majority leader; he was also a committeeman in
18 Chicago's 15th Ward; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas was also appointed by
20 Mayor Richard M. Daley to a leadership position at Midway
21 Airport; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Frank Savickas was known in the House
23 and Senate as a champion of the causes of senior citizens and
24 the handicapped and disabled; Senator Savickas is considered
25 the father of the legislation which gave the disabled the
26 right to be educated; and

27 WHEREAS, In addition, Senator Frank Savickas was known as
28 a champion for the working class and was the primary sponsor
29 of legislation that increased criminal penalties for crimes
30 against the elderly in the mid 1980s; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Senator Frank Savickas will be
2 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
3 wife, Pam; his children, Michael, Linda, Sharon, Margaret,
4 Angela, and Bianca; and his many friends and colleagues in
5 the Illinois General Assembly; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of former
9 State Senator Frank Savickas of Venice, Florida; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of former State Senator Frank
13 Savickas with our sincere condolences.