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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives were saddened learn of the death of Joseph A. Aurelio Jr., who passed away December 18, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Aurelio was the only son of Joe, Sr. and Betty Aurelio, born August 20, 1932; he grew up in Roseland, on the south side of Chicago; after graduating from Fenger High School in Chicago in 1950, Mr. Aurelio attended Thornton Jr. College in Harvey and studied business administration; and

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WHEREAS, During the Korean War, Mr. Aurelio was called on to do his part, but he was in basic training when the war abruptly ended and was not sent overseas; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Aurelio married Anne Stevens on January 30, 1954; in 1957, he joined his uncle, James Aurelio, as a full partner in an established pizza business in Macomb; and

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WHEREAS, As the business began to grow, Mr. Aurelio decided to start his own pizza restaurant and moved to Homewood, where he began Aurelio's Pizza; Mr. Aurelio worked seven days a week for many years to make the business successful, and eventually his perseverance was rewarded; and

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WHEREAS, Aurelio's Pizza, which began as a four picnic table parlor, grew into a 600-seat restaurant with franchises across the nation; even though he became quite successful, Joe Aurelio never flaunted his success; he loved to visit with his customers; he was always personable and will be remembered for his generous smile; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Aurelio's goal in life was to provide care and stability for his family; his family over the years included many others who needed the helping hand of a father; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Aurelio will be missed by all those who knew
2 him and loved him, especially his wife, Anne Aurelio; his
3 children, Susan Aurelio, Lori (Don) Nagela, Joey (Christine)
4 Aurelio, and Amy (Michael Kaminski) Aurelio; his
5 grandchildren, Don and Kaily Nagela, Lia Kaminski, and
6 Cameron and Sophia Aurelio; his great-grandchild, Austin
7 Nagela; and his aunts, Florence Oostman and Eleanor Aurelio;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
12 Joseph A. Aurelio Jr.; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to his wife, Anne Aurelio.