

## 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 Santos Pinero, who passed away on  
5 February 3, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, A native of Puerto Rico, Mr. Pinero came to be  
7 known as a sort of missionary to the United States; when a  
8 Spanish-speaking immigrant moved to Chicago, often one of the  
9 first people they would meet was Santos Pinero; and

10 WHEREAS, Santos Pinero and his wife, Manuela "Nellie"  
11 Pinero, moved to the Near West Side of Chicago area from  
12 Puerto Rico in 1949; for 40 years, Mr. Pinero did warehouse  
13 and manufacturing work each day while devoting his evenings  
14 to church and community groups; and

15 WHEREAS, While raising his four children, Mr. Pinero  
16 turned to the Methodist Church; he moved his family back to  
17 Puerto Rico during the social upheaval in Chicago in 1968;  
18 they returned to Chicago the next year with Mr. Pinero's firm  
19 conviction that his family's life should be framed by  
20 church's activities; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Pinero's association with the church grew as  
22 he found more ways to help others; he counseled grieving  
23 families, made home visits to new families in his church, and  
24 coordinated church social activities; although he was a  
25 layman, he sometimes conducted home church services; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Pinero helped establish Casa Central, a  
27 Spanish-language social service agency that helps immigrants  
28 settle down in the Chicago area; and

29 WHEREAS, Santos Pinero retired in 1988 and moved back to  
30 Puerto Rico only to return to Chicago in 2000 to be closer to  
31 his family; he led daily religious devotions for the

1 senior-care program run by Casa Central; and

2 WHEREAS, The passing of Santos Pinero will be deeply felt  
3 by all who knew and loved him, especially his children, Vilma  
4 Rosario, Robert Pinero, Nellie Pini, and Gladys Saint; his 12  
5 grandchildren; and his 5 great-grandchildren; 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 Santos  
9 Pinero of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Santos Pinero with our sincere  
12 condolences.