



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois learned with great regret of the death of Dr.
4 Andrew Perez on Monday, May 5, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez was born Aristeo Silviano Rios to Mabel
6 Gart and Aristeo Silviano Rios, Sr. in Chicago; his mother died
7 while he was very young and his father in later years; he was
8 adopted while still a child by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perez; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez graduated from Tilden Technical High
10 School in Chicago; he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics
11 from Roosevelt University in Chicago and received his doctorate
12 in optometry from the Monroe College of Optometry, which later
13 became part of the Illinois College of Optometry; and

14 WHEREAS, He valiantly served his country as a member of the
15 44F Class of the All-Black Army Air Force Program, at Tuskegee,
16 Alabama, during World War II; he received his gunnery wings
17 after training in Florida, qualifying him as an original
18 Tuskegee Airman; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez married Dr. Bobbie M. Anthony in 1979,
20 although they had met in college 25 years earlier; he taught
21 mathematics and physics at Hyde Park High School, where he was
22 also an assistant principal; he practiced optometry for many
23 years; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez was president of the Central City
25 Optometric Society; the first vice president (twice) and the
26 chairperson of the Financial Development Committee of the
27 Chicago "DODO" Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; and he was
28 the first corresponding secretary and newsletter founder for
29 the Chatham Avalon Park Community Council; he was a
30 member/officer of the Chatham Unit of the American Cancer

1 Society; The Holy Name Society of St. Dorothy Church, where he
2 initiated the Chess Club; the Chicago Astronomical Society; the
3 Madonna della Strada Council 5574 of the Knights of Columbus;
4 the American Legion Dorie Miller Post 915; and the Chatham
5 Business Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Perez's passing will be deeply felt by family
7 and friends, especially his loving wife, Bobbie M.
8 Anthony-Perez; his nieces, Roenia and Tatia Gill; his daughter,
9 Freida M. Chapman-Weisenfeld (Irving); his sister-in-law,
10 Fannie M. Hunter; and his numerous other nieces and grand/god
11 children, including Lynetta and Edrene White; Roenia, Joshua,
12 and Leval Gill; Karla Scott; Jay Levit (Natalia); Chad
13 Wiesenfeld; and Etol, Camille, and Ashley Garrison; therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 mourn the death of Dr. Andrew Perez along with all who knew and
18 loved him and extend our sincere condolences to his family and
19 friends; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Mrs. Andrew Perez as an expression of our deepest
22 sympathy.