



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A Chicago landmark recently closed its doors after
3 107 years of service to the citizens and visitors of our great
4 State; and

5 WHEREAS, The Berghoff Restaurant, opened in 1898 by Herman
6 Joseph Berghoff as Berghoff Cafe, closed for the final time on
7 Tuesday, February 28, 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, The restaurant has been owned and operated by
9 three generations of Berghoffs, most recently by Jan and Herman
10 Berghoff and their family; it was initially opened to showcase
11 Herman Berghoff's celebrated Dortmunder-style beer; originally
12 located at the corner of State and Adams streets, one door down
13 from its present location, the bar sold beer for a nickel and
14 offered sandwiches for free; and

15 WHEREAS, The restaurant itself was a connection to years
16 gone-by; the large dining rooms were paneled in wood and
17 covered with pictures of Chicago's past; a display case held
18 "liquor license Number One", granted to Herman Berghoff because
19 he was the first person waiting in the line on the day
20 Prohibition was repealed; and

21 WHEREAS, While the menu would change regularly, the
22 restaurant was famous for its delicious German food, including
23 sauerbraten, wienerschnitzel, creamed spinach, and freshly
24 baked apple strudel, as well as its beer; several generations
25 of Illinoisans have enjoyed the tradition of Berghoffs;
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 we recognize the many years of contributions made by the
30 Berghoff Restaurant in Chicago; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the Jan and Herman Berghoff family as an
3 expression of our esteem.