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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Edward R.  
4 Abderholden of Antioch, who passed away on August 3, 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden grew up on the south side of  
6 Chicago; he was the son of Edward and Ann (Yucik) with his  
7 sister, Mary Ann Robeck; he married Dolores Raila on January  
8 29, 1950, at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin in Chicago; and

9           WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden graduated from Harper High  
10 School and was the school's commanding officer for ROTC; he  
11 attended the University of Illinois before entering the U.S.  
12 Army, where he served as a 2nd lieutenant in post-World War II  
13 Japan before being honorably discharged on April 1, 1953; and

14           WHEREAS, After his father passed away, Edward Abderholden  
15 returned from service in Japan and began pursuing his medical  
16 career; he completed his undergraduate studies at Loyola  
17 University and was accepted into the Stritch School of Medicine  
18 at Loyola, where he graduated in 1956; he was a member of the  
19 Century Club (1973) and an Alpha Sigma NU Honor Society member  
20 (April 1951) at Loyola; he then interned and served general  
21 surgery residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago; and

1           WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden and his young family lived for  
2 a time at the Mother of Cabrini subsidized housing projects  
3 before moving to Antioch in 1958 and establishing the Orchard  
4 Medical Center, S.C.; while there, he practiced pediatrics,  
5 internal medicine, general surgery, and obstetrics/gynecology;  
6 he had staff privileges at both St. Therese and Victory  
7 Hospitals in Lake County and twice served as chief of staff at  
8 St. Therese in 1993 and 1994; he was also the chief of staff at  
9 Victory Hospital in 1973; and

10           WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden served as co-director at St.  
11 Therese Hospital Star Hospice; while at St. Therese, he  
12 received the Award of Merit in 1986, the Award of Appreciation  
13 in 1993, and was honored for his years of service in 1997; he  
14 served on the Barnell Clinic Board in 1970; he served as an  
15 assistant professor at Chicago Medical School in North Chicago  
16 in 1977 and was appointed to serve as clinical assistant  
17 professor in 1995-1996; in 1976, he was appointed as a Life  
18 member of the American Academy of Family Physicians; he served  
19 on the A Safe Place Domestic Violence Task Force in Waukegan;  
20 he also earned the Physician Recognition Award from The  
21 American Medical Association for 1992-1995 and a certificate of  
22 appreciation from The Lake County Lung Association in 1985; and

23           WHEREAS, While he grew up in the city, Edward Abderholden  
24 embraced the outdoors in Antioch and was an active hunter,

1 fisher, and camper; he was a member of Northern Illinois Ducks  
2 Unlimited and Lake County Pheasants Forever; he was in his 50th  
3 year as an Antioch Lions Club member and was honored with the  
4 Melvin Jones Fellow award for humanitarian services in 2007; he  
5 was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Antioch Rotary,  
6 where he presented the "Medical Moment" joke at meetings; he  
7 was made an honorary member of the Antioch Rescue Squad in  
8 1998; the Village of Antioch awarded him a certificate of  
9 appreciation for service to citizens on July 3, 1997; he was a  
10 part of Antioch High School's career education program,  
11 introducing students to careers in the medical field; he served  
12 as a basketball referee for St. Peters School after he  
13 challenged a referee's call at a game and the referee suggested  
14 he try being a referee; he was also the sideline physician for  
15 football games at Antioch High School and part of the Ski  
16 Patrol at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin; and

17 WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden enjoyed traveling with his  
18 friends and family to such places as Lithuania, England,  
19 Ireland, Kenya, Egypt, China, Japan, Hawaii, and the Galapagos  
20 Islands; he was very fond of attending concerts, plays,  
21 recitals, and sporting events that his grandchildren  
22 participated in; and

23 WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden was preceded in death by his  
24 parents; his son, Mark; and his grandson, Christopher; and

1           WHEREAS, Edward Abderholden is survived by his loving wife,  
2 Dolores; his children and grandchildren, including Edward and  
3 Lynn and their children, Ned, Lauren, and Brooke; Sue and Lee  
4 (Keller) and their children, Ona and Eva; Frank and Sue and  
5 their children, Elizabeth and Katherine; Jim and Linda  
6 (Lambert) and their children, Blaise and Tyler; Mark and Anne  
7 Marie and their children, Jeremy Lazar, Katharina, Alex,  
8 Joanna, and Isabelle; and Guy and Juliann and their children,  
9 Max, Sam, and Maggie; his brother-in-law, Dr. Frank Raila; and  
10 his sister-in-law, Florence Lessner; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Edward  
14 R. Abderholden; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Edward Abderholden as an expression  
17 of our sympathy.