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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor people who have  
4 contributed to the State of Illinois in ways that improve the  
5 lives of others; and

6           WHEREAS, Phil Jones joined the Logan Square Advisory  
7 Council in 1996, after serving as a T-ball coach for his  
8 daughter, Amy, and her team; as a result, he became involved in  
9 the creation of new park facilities, including the bathrooms  
10 and baseball diamonds; and

11           WHEREAS, Phil Jones started fundraising for the park  
12 district and established a bank account as well; the district  
13 started movies in the park, candlelight bowling, T-shirt sales,  
14 and anything that would help raise money; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1999, working with then Illinois Senator Lisa  
16 Madigan and then Alderman Billy Ocasio, Phil Jones began the  
17 renovation of Haas Park; in 2007, with the help of the Logan  
18 Square Neighborhood Association, the Trust for Public Lands,  
19 and Alderman Manny Flores, he secured land west of Haas Park,  
20 which enabled the park to expand; and

21           WHEREAS, In 2008, he represented Haas Park at the World

1 Park's Summit held in downtown Chicago on a panel discussion  
2 concerning fundraising; and

3 WHEREAS, To this day, Phil Jones continues to work, helping  
4 start a Garden Club, keeping the Park programs going, and  
5 working wherever he is needed; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we thank Phil Jones for all his hard work and commitment to  
9 Haas Park and the Logan Square area; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Phil Jones as a symbol of our respect and esteem.