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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Chester J. "Chet" Rybicki, former mayor of Naperville, who passed away on March 6, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Chet Rybicki was born on March 25, 1916, to Paul and Estella (nee Olenik) Rybicki; he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was discharged in 1945; he and his wife, Lillian "Mickey" (nee Jaburek) moved to Naperville in 1960; he worked as a buyer for Sears Roebuck & Co., working out of the Sears Tower from 1973 until his retirement in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, Chet Rybicki served as the mayor of the City of Naperville from 1975 to 1983; during his time as mayor, he saw Naperville's population double to more than 40,000; he fostered development of the city's riverwalk, taking it from being just unsightly riverbanks lined with oil tanks, garages, and salt piles, and transforming it into the city's award-winning crown jewel; he relocated and restored the historic structures at Naper Settlement; and

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WHEREAS, Chet Rybicki's years of public service included time as a township auditor and clerk and member of the

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1 Naperville Plan Commission, Naperville Public Library Board,
2 the YMCA board, and Rotary Club of Naperville; and

3 WHEREAS, Chet Rybicki was a member of the Rotary Club of
4 Naperville since 1986 and a longtime member of St. Raphael
5 Catholic Church; he enjoyed mastering the violin and meeting
6 new people; and

7 WHEREAS, Chet Rybicki was preceded in death by his parents;
8 his wife of 61 years, Lillian; and his sister, Marie (Elmer)
9 Majewski; and

10 WHEREAS, Chet Rybicki was the father of Michael (Mary)
11 Rybicki, John (Susan) Rybicki, and Cheryl (Raymond) Forster;
12 the grandfather of William "Bill" (Asra Syed) Rybicki, James
13 "Jim" (Anna) Rybicki, Dennis Martens, and twins, Michael
14 Forster and Elizabeth (Jim) Grasmeder; the great-grandfather
15 of Ada and Henry Rybicki; and the uncle of many; therefore, be
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17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Chet Rybicki, and we extend our sincere
20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
21 him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Chet Rybicki as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.