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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 Garrett FitzGerald, who passed away on May 9, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Garrett FitzGerald was born on August 26, 1976; and

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WHEREAS, Garrett FitzGerald was the Executive Director of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce since 2006 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Northwest Community Corporation; he was a leader in promoting the economic development and vitality of the North Center neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, Under Garrett FitzGerald's leadership, the membership of the Northcenter Chamber of Commerce grew from 23 members to nearly 400; he was also the driving force behind expanding the chamber's programming such as the concert series and movies in the square; he lead Ribfest into becoming one of Chicago's most successful summer festivals; and

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WHEREAS, Garrett FitzGerald served on the Illinois Civil Service Commission as a Commissioner and as Chairman since 2011; he was a member of the staff for former 47th Ward Alderman Eugene Schulter and Cook County Commissioner Forrest

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2 WHEREAS, Garrett FitzGerald was an active volunteer in the
3 community, serving as the past Treasurer and Chairman of the
4 Board at Neumann Family Services, a member of the St. Benedict
5 School Board of Directors, an elected member of the Bell School
6 Local Advisory Council, and the 4th Congressional District
7 Representative on the Citizens' Utility Board; and

8 WHEREAS, Garrett FitzGerald was the beloved husband of
9 Alicia (nee Johnson); the loving father of Bridget; the
10 glorious son of Kathleen (nee Whalen) and Thomas FitzGerald;
11 the fond brother of Meghan Wiegold (nee FitzGerald); and nephew
12 of many aunts and uncles; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of Garrett FitzGerald, and extend our sincere
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
17 him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Garrett FitzGerald as an expression
20 of our deepest sympathy.