

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of John "Tim" Phelan, who passed away
5 on November 27, 2000; and

6 WHEREAS, John Phelan, lovingly known as Tim, was born on
7 October 21, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois, to John J. and Nora T.
8 Phelan; and

9 WHEREAS, John "Tim" Phelan was a 1962 graduate of Mendel
10 Catholic High School; upon graduation, he joined Operating
11 Engineers Local 399, where he worked as a building engineer
12 before his involvement in union matters; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mr. Phelan was elected secretary of
14 Local 399; in 1982 he was elected business agent; and in 1993
15 he became president of the union; during his seven years as
16 president, Mr. Phelan brought pay and benefit increases to
17 the union members, worked on the first statewide contract for
18 Illinois Secretary of State workers, and saw an increase in
19 membership from 6,500 to 9,000; and

20 WHEREAS, John "Tim" Phelan was known for being loyal,
21 dependable, a great labor leader, and a friend to working men
22 and women; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Phelan served as president of the AFL-CIO's
24 Chicago Port Council and also as general vice president in
25 the International Union of Operating Engineers, and on
26 numerous boards of directors, including the Metropolitan Pier
27 and Exposition Authority, the Chicago Convention & Tourism
28 Bureau, and the Illinois Port Authority; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Phelan was the first labor leader appointed
30 to the Cook County economic development advisory board in
31 1997; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of John "Tim" Phelan will be deeply
2 felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife,
3 Karen; his daughters, Nora Clifford and Nellie Wilson; his
4 sons, Joseph and Ryan; his sisters, Kathleen Pepin-Griffin,
5 Norine Byrne, and Eileen Phelan-O'Connor; his grandsons, John
6 Patrick and Wyatt Bishop; and a host of nephews, nieces,
7 other relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of John
11 "Tim" Phelan of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of John "Tim" Phelan.