

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 Emil B. Msall, who passed away on
5 March 25, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Emil B. Msall was the son on Slovak immigrants,
7 born in their cold-water flat in the Back of the Yards
8 neighborhood; he was an early graduate of Gage Park High
9 School; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Msall was a veteran of the United States
11 Navy; he served as a gunner aboard the U.S.S. Hyde, where he
12 helped support amphibious landings in the Pacific; he was one
13 of the first American servicemen to land at Nagasaki as part
14 of a relief effort; and

15 WHEREAS, After the completion of his service with the
16 United States Navy in 1946, Mr. Msall attended Northern
17 Illinois University and graduated with a degree in physical
18 education; during the early 1950s, he pitched for the Chicago
19 Bobcats, a well known 16-inch softball team; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Msall served as a gym teacher briefly in the
21 Catholic school system, as nighttime supervisor at the
22 Marquette Park fieldhouse, and at a loading dock to make ends
23 meet while his children were young; at the same time, he
24 started working as an insurance man, at first selling
25 policies door to door; in 1957 he began working with
26 Travelers Insurance, where he handled insurance claims; in
27 1970, he moved to CNA Insurance, and then to Shand Morahan in
28 1975; after his retirement in 1993, he continued to serve as
29 a consultant for various local insurance firms for several
30 years; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Msall was a gregarious jokester and

1 storyteller; he enjoyed the company of his friends and family
2 in his Oak Park home; and

3 WHEREAS, The passing of Emil B. Msall will be deeply felt
4 by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife, Lucille;
5 his children, Laurence Msall, Michael Msall, Anita Msall,
6 Karin Fischer, Mary Rogers, Camille Msall, Madeleine Msall,
7 Christianne Msall, and Julianne Pegler; his sister, Jean
8 Orlik; and his fourteen grandchildren; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Emil B.
12 Msall of Oak Park, Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Emil B. Msall with our sincere
15 condolences.