

## 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 Ronald "Ronnie" Jones, who passed  
5 away on November 11, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Born on December 2, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois,  
7 Ronald Jones was the son of the late Mark and Christine  
8 Jones; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones graduated in 1967 from Drake High  
10 School in Chicago, where he majored in Architecture; he was  
11 actively employed for over 19 years at Ford Motor Company as  
12 a Machinist; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' love of Architecture and creating  
14 beautiful things kept him busy all over Chicago; he always  
15 exhibited exceptional artistic talent, most notably at the  
16 age of 12 when his outstanding talent took on added  
17 dimensions with amazing interpretive maturity and an uncanny  
18 ability to take an idea from conception to completion; he  
19 could draw, sketch, shoot, recreate, and even build whatever  
20 needed to be done with such diverse materials as from wood,  
21 plastic, clay, glass, and even stone; no challenge was too  
22 difficult for him to achieve; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones met "the love of his life", Deborah  
24 Donaldson in 1966; they were married on February 25, 1971; he  
25 was deeply devoted to his wife and four children; he was  
26 equally devoted to his extended family, "The Donaldsons" who  
27 adopted him as their brother; his mother-in-law, the late  
28 Sophia Donaldson, developed a special fondness for him  
29 because of his patience and gentleness; Mr. Jones' talents  
30 with carpentry were developed by his father-in-law, the late  
31 Alfred Donaldson, Sr., who worked with him in many projects  
32 including: tuck pointing, painting, plumbing, and

1 installation of recreational rooms; and

2 WHEREAS, The death of Ronald Jones will be deeply felt by  
3 all who knew and loved him, especially his wife of 30 years,  
4 Deborah; his children, Ronald, Jr., Talitha, Christopher, and  
5 Sophia; his brothers; his sister; his uncle; his  
6 sisters-in-law; his brothers-in-law; and his co-workers and  
7 many 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 Ronald  
11 Jones of Chicago, Illinois; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to the family of Ronald Jones with our sincere  
14 condolences.