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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Philip T.
4 Kalayil, who passed away on March 13, 2017 at the age of 86;
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6 WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil always desired to immigrate to the
7 United States; he left Kerala, India in January of 1956 and
8 arrived in Chicago in March of 1956; and

9 WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil earned a graduate degree in
10 sociology from Loyola University and began working with
11 Catholic Charities; he joined the City of Chicago's Department
12 of Human Services and served as the Assistant Director of
13 Emergency Services until his retirement in 1992; and

14 WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil worked with the Crossroads
15 International Center, organizing activities for international
16 students; he volunteered building institutions in the India
17 American community; in the early 1970s, he was one of the
18 founders of Asian Forum, a pan-Asian organization that looked
19 at strengthening the Asian American coalition of Chicago, where
20 his work led to many of today's Asian American and South Asian
21 American civic organizations; he was also very instrumental in
22 founding the Indo-American Democratic Organization in 1981,

1 which is one of the oldest political organizations in Chicago;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil was a shining example of the
4 immigrant contribution to the strength of Illinois and the
5 United States; his legacy in building the foundation for Asian
6 American political participation in the Chicago area will be
7 long-lasting; his commitment to coalition building and
8 pan-Asian cooperation has created a lasting impression on the
9 Illinois Asian American community for generations to come; and

10 WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil was preceded in death by his
11 daughter, Lisa; and

12 WHEREAS, Philip Kalayil is survived by his wife of 67
13 years, Annamma; his children, Tom, Sales, and Ann, along with
14 their spouses; his son-in-law, Tom; and his grandchildren;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
18 mourn the passing of Philip T. Kalayil, and extend our sincere
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Philip Kalayil as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.