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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 Erwin J. Korczynski of Chicago, who passed away on January 5, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago on March 30, 1942; his father, Edwin W., and mother, Helen V., owned and operated Helen's Restaurant in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 153 and attained the rank of Life Scout; he was a graduate of Lane Technical High School in Chicago, class of 1960, and was a member of the Lane Technical Track and Field Team, lettering in the sport; and

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WHEREAS, He marched in the Chicago Cavaliers, located in Logan Square, during the "Golden Years" between 1956 and 1963; he attended Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and then enrolled in the Priesthood at St. Ambrose Seminary; he interrupted his education and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War he served with the Marine Attack Squadron VMA 131 and attained the rank of Sergeant; he served as a Blue and Gold Officer for the United States Naval

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1 Academy for nine years; and

2 WHEREAS, He acted as Captain and Pilot in Command for  
3 Eastern Airlines in Miami, Florida; Evergreen Airlines in  
4 Portland, Oregon; Emirates Airlines in Dubai, United Arab  
5 Emirates; Saudi Airlines in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Air Lanka in  
6 Colombo, Sri Lanka; USAfrica in Cape Town, South Africa; and  
7 EVA Air in Taipei, Taiwan; and

8 WHEREAS, He was type rated in Boeing 727 and 757, Airbus  
9 300 and 310, and McDonnell Douglas MD-11; he acted as Pilot in  
10 Command flying twenty-five Combat Missions during Operations  
11 Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

12 WHEREAS, He loved his second-generation Polish heritage;  
13 he is survived by his twin brother, Edwin J. "Ski" Korczynski;  
14 his wife, Henrietta; his daughters, Elizabeth J. and Kriesten;  
15 his sons, Ryan J. and Christian J.; his friends; and all those  
16 whose lives he touched; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of  
20 Erwin Korczynski; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Erwin Korczynski as a symbol of our  
2 sincere sympathy and esteem.