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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 Charles  
4 J. "Charlie" Myler of Aurora, who passed away on April 6, 2015;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Charles Myler was born in Ottawa on June 20, 1931  
7 to John and Mary Hart Myler; he graduated from Ottawa High  
8 School at the of 16 and then from the Catholic University of  
9 America in Washington, D.C.; he obtained his law degree from  
10 Georgetown University Law Center and was admitted to the  
11 Illinois Bar in 1955; and

12           WHEREAS, After receiving his law degree, Charles Myler was  
13 drafted into the United States Army; he was chosen to be a  
14 member of the Counter Intelligence Corps and was sent to study  
15 Romanian at the Army Language School at the Presidio in  
16 Monterey, California; after 8 months, he was sent to Nuremberg,  
17 Germany during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and spent 2 years  
18 working in refugee camps, aiding refugees from behind the Iron  
19 Curtain; and

20           WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the Army in 1958, Charles  
21 Myler settled in Aurora and practiced law with the firm of  
22 Sears & Streit; in 1960, he formed the firm of Ruddy & Myler;

1 in 1985, he became the senior partner in the firm known as  
2 Myler, Ruddy (Philip) & McTavish (Alex); for most of his  
3 career, he practiced civil litigation and later concentrated  
4 his practice on Chapter 11 reorganizations under federal  
5 bankruptcy law; he greatly enjoyed helping small businesses  
6 emerge from financial difficulties; he was appointed to the  
7 United States Bankruptcy Court Panel of Interim Trustees in  
8 1978 and served in that capacity until 2013 when he retired; he  
9 was a member of the Kane County Bar Association, the Illinois  
10 State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association; he was  
11 licensed to practice before the Illinois and federal courts;  
12 for over 30 years, he was the moderator of the Kane County Bar  
13 Association's annual memorial service for deceased members of  
14 the local Bar; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Myler co-founded the Fox Valley Special  
16 Recreation Association; he served on the Special Recreation  
17 board for over 30 years, serving as President several times; he  
18 was appointed to the Fox Valley Park District board of trustees  
19 in 1978, serving on that board for 30 years and as its  
20 President for one term; he also served on the Fox Valley Park  
21 District Foundation board until his death; in 1975, he was the  
22 driving force behind the formation of the Illinois  
23 Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Authority, a group  
24 dedicated to the rights of persons with disabilities, and he  
25 served on the board until it was absorbed into the present

1 Illinois Department of Human Services; and

2 WHEREAS, Charles Myler enjoyed Alpine skiing, traveling,  
3 classical music, and owning and piloting his own private  
4 planes; he also collected fine art and fine wines; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Myler was preceded in death by his parents  
6 and his brother-in-law, Rocco Russo; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Myler is survived by his wife of 28 years,  
8 Kay; his daughters, Jennifer and Kathe (Mark) Makoui; his  
9 granddaughters, Hannah Roze and Sarah Abigail Makoui; his  
10 sister, Mary Margaret Russo; his niece and 5 nephews; his 18  
11 great-nephews and great-nieces; his first cousin, the Hon.  
12 William T. Hart; his first cousin, Denis Hart; his  
13 step-children, Richard Gee, Jon Gee (Becky), and Diane Gee  
14 Taylor (Tim); his step-grandchildren, Adam Gee, Damon Dombeck,  
15 and Dylan Dombeck; his mother-in-law, Wilma Stark; and his  
16 brother-in-law, John Stark (Yanzi); therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 mourn the passing of Charles J. Myler, and extend our sincere  
20 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
21 him; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Charles Myler as an expression of  
3 our deepest sympathy.