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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 George Mavropoulos, who passed away on October 25, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos, the son of Pontian refugees who were forced to leave Turkey, was born in Kozani, Greece in 1938; he immigrated as a foreign student to the United States in 1958; he received a bachelor's degree in physics from Roosevelt University in 1964 and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri in 1966; and

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WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos worked as an engineer at Commonwealth Edison until 1994, retiring from Commonwealth Edison/Exelon after 30 years of service; he then worked as a consulting engineer, providing comprehensive consulting, engineering, design, and analysis for nuclear power plants for Sargent & Lundy, LLC until 2010; and

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WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos was the founder and president of the Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center (AMPHRC), a non-profit organization established with the mission of encouraging research, promoting education, and raising awareness of the Greek diaspora, the Greek experience

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1 of genocide, and Greek civilization in Asia Minor, Pontos, and  
2 Eastern Thrace; and

3 WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos, through AMPHRC, organized  
4 numerous conferences, lectures, and programs to provide a  
5 stronger and greater voice to the cause of recognition and  
6 justice for all victimized groups; he also, in partnership  
7 with the Pontian Greek Society of Chicago, helped the Illinois  
8 Holocaust Museum and Education Center host multiple  
9 professional development workshops for teachers and  
10 incorporate educational materials into museum docent guide  
11 training and traveling resource trunks; and

12 WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos was a member of the Pontian  
13 Greek Society of Chicago, where he served as vice president in  
14 2011 and president from 2007 to 2011, and the Illinois  
15 Holocaust and Genocide Commission, where he lobbied with  
16 members of the Armenian, Ukrainian-Famine, Cambodian, and  
17 Bosnian communities to ensure the history and stories of the  
18 Pontian Greek genocide were included in Holocaust education  
19 mandates; and

20 WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos commissioned the filming of  
21 the award-winning documentary, Lethal Nationalism, which  
22 documents the genocide of the Greeks in Turkey, and he also  
23 worked on a number of publications; and

1           WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos received several awards in the  
2 U.S., Canada, and Greece for his outstanding community  
3 leadership, especially for his founding of AMPHRC; and

4           WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos was a tireless advocate of  
5 Greek history and culture in the United States who committed  
6 his life to fighting against any ethnic, religious, or racial  
7 injustice; he will be remembered as a passionate and dedicated  
8 humanitarian who enriched his community through his remarkable  
9 efforts and advocacy; and

10           WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos was preceded in death by his  
11 wife of 50 years, Evagelia; and

12           WHEREAS, George Mavropoulos was the father of Sonia,  
13 Alexander, and Konstantinos and the grandfather of Evagelia  
14 "Ava"; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we mourn the passing of George Mavropoulos and extend our  
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
19 and loved him; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of George Mavropoulos as an expression  
2 of our deepest sympathy.