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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 former
4 Illinois State Representative Jack Lawrence Kubik, who passed
5 away on February 4, 2026; and

6 WHEREAS, Born on May 20, 1955, Representative Kubik
7 dedicated his life to Illinois, its people, and his family;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, From a family with a longtime identity in West
10 Cook community newspaper publishing, Representative Kubik
11 attended DePaul University, earning a degree in business
12 administration, with an eye to carrying on the family
13 business; and

14 WHEREAS, When his neighbor, then-Representative Judy Barr
15 Topinka, decided to vacate her seat in the Illinois House of
16 Representatives in order to move to the Illinois Senate, young
17 Representative Kubik saw his chance and successfully ran for
18 the November 1984 House vacancy in their West Cook County
19 district; and

20 WHEREAS, Upon his election at the age of 28,
21 Representative Kubik was one of the youngest members of the

1 Illinois House of Representatives, yet with an eye towards
2 serving the people of his then-Greatest Generation-oriented
3 district, he accepted an appointment to the House Committee on
4 Aging; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Kubik also specialized in issues
6 involving property tax relief, judicial reform, and the rights
7 of persons with disabilities; and

8 WHEREAS, As a keystone measure within his overall fight
9 for property tax relief, Representative Kubik was the lead
10 sponsor of a bill that for the first time created a workable
11 process for Cook County residents to appeal their property tax
12 assessments to the statewide Property Tax Appeal Board, and
13 then to the Cook County circuit courts, thereby creating a
14 legal process that endures to this day; and

15 WHEREAS, Winning many friends and allies among his
16 colleagues, Representative Kubik was named several times as
17 assistant leader of the House Republican Caucus, which
18 included service in 1995-1996 (89th General Assembly) as House
19 Assistant Majority Leader; and

20 WHEREAS, Representatives Kubik's years of service in the
21 Illinois House were also marked with personal reward, as while
22 he was a sitting representative he met and married his wife

1 Agatha "Aggie" Kubik, who in 2017 tragically preceded him in
2 death; and

3 WHEREAS, When he retired in January 1999, Representative
4 Kubik had served for fourteen years in the Illinois House of
5 Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Subsequent to his elected service, Representative
7 Kubik served the Illinois General Assembly during the 94th and
8 95th General Assembly as the chief of staff of Representative
9 Tom Cross, the House Minority Leader; and

10 WHEREAS, As a member of the "People's House",
11 Representative Kubik never forgot the people of Illinois,
12 including those both in and out of his Chicago-area west
13 suburban district and home neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Kubik left behind his beloved
15 children, Lynn Vorreyer and Brian Kiefer, two sisters, Patti
16 Willis and Donna Larson, and many grandchildren and
17 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of former Illinois State Representative
21 Jack Lawrence Kubik and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 presented to Representative Kubik's daughter, Lynn Vorreyer,
5 and to his son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Nicole Kiefer.