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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Sherwin Swartz was born in Chicago in 1929; he was raised by a hardworking family and attended college at Roosevelt University; and

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WHEREAS, In 1953, Sherwin Swartz joined the Independent Voters of Illinois (IVI); after more than two decades with IVI, he became a key Chicago-area figure and mentor to Illinois political volunteers and shared his knowledge of the basic technology of day-to-day political organizing and door-to-door campaigning; and

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WHEREAS, An expert on the implementation of election law, Sherwin Swartz moved from Chicago to Springfield and became a valuable member of the Illinois House Republican staff in 1978; as a worker in the Illinois General Assembly for more than a decade, he counseled staff and members on both sides of the aisle on key points of Illinois election law and politics; and

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WHEREAS, Sherwin Swartz did not confine his Illinois General Assembly work to election law; he was on hand at a staff level during a crisis moment in the history of the Chicago White Sox in June 1988, when the organization was considering transferring its operations to the greater Tampa Bay area because of the age of the baseball club's old Comiskey

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2 WHEREAS, During the final moments before midnight on June
3 30, 1988, Sherwin Swartz worked with members of the Illinois
4 House to enact legislation to enable the development of a
5 publicly-financed stadium and public arena on Chicago's South
6 Side, the facility that is presently called Guaranteed Rate
7 Field; this enabled the White Sox to remain in Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, In the years since 1988, Sherwin Swartz has
9 transferred his allegiance from the White Sox to the St. Louis
10 Cardinals, partly because the Cardinals play against the
11 Chicago Cubs more often and can beat them more times; and

12 WHEREAS, After his retirement in December 1991, Sherwin
13 Swartz has continued to counsel and guide Illinois House
14 Republican members and staff; and

15 WHEREAS, As time passes, we in the Illinois General
16 Assembly are increasingly aware of the importance of keeping in
17 mind the story of World War II and the unspeakable Holocaust,
18 and we are grateful for the chance to talk to people who saw
19 these things happening so that we can build a legacy to try to
20 prevent them from happening again; and

21 WHEREAS, Sherwin Swartz will celebrate his 90th birthday

1 soon; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Sherwin Swartz on his long service to the
5 Illinois General Assembly and on the occasion of his upcoming
6 90th birthday; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Sherwin Swartz as an expression of our esteem and
9 respect.