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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 Frank
4 Michael Zuccarelli of South Holland, who passed away on
5 January 3, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was born to James J. and
7 Marjorie Zuccarelli in Chicago on October 29, 1951; he
8 attended Mendel Catholic School before his family moved to
9 South Holland in 1967; he graduated from Thornridge High
10 School; he served as a medic in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam
11 from 1969 to 1972; he earned his Associate of Science in 1976
12 and his Associate of Arts in 1978 from Thornton Community
13 College, where he served as the first student trustee in 1976;
14 he earned his bachelor's degree from Governors State
15 University; and

16 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was elected to the Board of
17 Trustees of Thornton Community College in 1978, which was
18 renamed South Suburban College (SSC) in 1988; he had served as
19 chairman since 1987; he received a service award from the
20 Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) in
21 2014, recognizing his then-35 years of service as a community
22 college trustee; during his 43-year tenure, he witnessed SSC
23 and the Illinois community college system grow from temporary

1 buildings into the third largest community college system in
2 the U.S.; he was only the fifth person out of more than 2,200
3 current and former trustees to reach this level of success in
4 the entire State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was elected supervisor of
6 Thornton Township in April 1993; prior to his election, he
7 served on the Thornton Township Youth Committee Board for 16
8 years; he implemented a number of initiatives and programs for
9 the diverse demographics in his township, including weekly hot
10 meals and transportation for seniors, free afterschool care,
11 summer enrichment for children, lunch and learn, a lawn care
12 program, and the property tax refund program, which returned
13 over \$5 million in property taxes to homeowners; he was
14 awarded Supervisor of the Year in 1996, 2007, and 2012, and
15 Thornton Township earned Township of the Year by the Township
16 Officials of Illinois Educational Conference in 2004 and 2008;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was elected committeeman of the
19 Thornton Township Democratic Organization in 2002; as
20 committeeman, he was responsible for the coordination of
21 election judges for 124 precincts, the largest township in the
22 State of Illinois; he also had served on the Cook County
23 Economic Development Advisory Board since 1996 and the Cook
24 County Employee Appeals Board since 2009; he served as

1 president for the substance abuse rehabilitation program
2 Foundation I, Center for Human Development, for nine years; he
3 was a former board member of Habitat for Humanity; and

4 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli received a number of accolades,
5 including the Civic Responsibility Award, the Diversity Inc.
6 Award, the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois
7 Committee for Honest Government, and the Excellence and
8 Openness in Financial Reporting; and

9 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli enjoyed music and had created
10 songs as a hobby, including a few songs in memory of his
11 youngest brother; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was known for his distinguished
13 leadership, his commitment to people, his passion for helping
14 others, and his unwavering loyalty; he was a tireless
15 supporter of education and a firm believer in creating and
16 sustaining equal opportunity; he impacted countless lives and
17 will forever be a legend in the Southland; and

18 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli was preceded in death by his
19 parents and his brother, James T. Zuccarelli; and

20 WHEREAS, Frank Zuccarelli is survived by his longtime
21 girlfriend, Carmen Canales; his siblings, Candace Paun (late

1 John) and Kenneth V. Zuccarelli; his uncle, Robert Boskovich;
2 his aunts, Dawn Brown (Bill), Sharon Myszak (late Michael),
3 and Denyse Taylor (Jim); his nieces and nephews, John Paun,
4 Joe (Sarah) Paun, Marjorie Alexander (Greg), and Lorrin Paun;
5 his great-nieces and great-nephews, Nadia Paun, Junior Paun,
6 Jocelynn Paun, Beau Paun, Dane Paun, Lilly Alexander, Zac
7 Alexander, and Johnny Paun; his many cousins and friends; and
8 his "son", Nate Fields; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Frank Michael Zuccarelli and extend
12 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
13 knew and loved him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Frank Zuccarelli as an expression
16 of our deepest sympathy.