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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of their former colleague State Representative William D. Walsh of Oak Brook on August 3, 2003; and

WHEREAS, William D. Walsh was born in Chicago on February 5, 1924; he valiantly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walsh married the former Barbara Kennedy in 1948; he received a B.S. in Business Administration from Loyola University in Chicago in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service in the legislature, Mr. Walsh worked as a sales representative for Burroughs Corporation (Unisys) in Chicago and as vice president of Alpine Plastic Bag in Chicago; he was a long-time partner in P.M. Walsh & Company in Oak Brook Terrace; in 1959, he was elected to the Memorial Park District Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walsh was elected for 10 terms to the Illinois House of Representatives and served from 1961 to 1981; during that time he filled many roles including Assistant Minority Leader, Assistant Majority Leader, and House Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Representative Walsh was known for his integrity and his knowledge of parliamentary procedure; he was a proponent of community-based treatment for the mentally ill; he played a leading role in the passage of the Regional Transportation Authority, the oversight board for regional mass transit; he also sponsored legislation that made community colleges an integral part of the State's education system; he was named "Most Respected Legislator" in the Chicago Tribune

1 poll of the House of Representative members in 1978; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Walsh was a member of the Board of
3 Directors of the Oak Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago, DuPage
4 National Bank in West Chicago, the Regional Transportation
5 Authority in Chicago, and was a member of the Prisoner Review
6 Board from 1992 to 1998; and

7 WHEREAS, The passing of Representative William D. Walsh was
8 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Barbara; his sons,
9 Thomas, William Jr., David, and Terrence; his daughters,
10 Cynthia Cashen, Julie Doran, and Elizabeth Cullen; his
11 brothers, John, Robert, and Richard; and his 10 grandchildren;
12 his son, Peter, preceded him in death; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of our former colleague, State Representative
16 William D. Walsh, a man of integrity who was respected by his
17 peers; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of William D. Walsh as an expression of
20 our deepest condolences.