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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 Guy
4 Anthony Renzaglia, who passed away on November 4, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Guy Renzaglia was a beloved father, grandfather,
6 family member, friend, teacher, and colleague without compare,
7 and a champion for those in need, with a legacy reaching across
8 southern Illinois and to every corner of our great nation; and

9 WHEREAS, Guy enlisted to serve his country during World War
10 II, finished first in the Officer Candidate School in the Army
11 Air Corps, and served with distinction during five years in
12 uniform, and like many of his peers in the Greatest Generation,
13 he returned home and attended college on the GI Bill; and

14 WHEREAS, Guy, the son of Italian immigrants, was an
15 accomplished athlete and scholar, a member of the George
16 Washington University Hall of Fame, earned his Bachelor of Arts
17 degree at George Washington University, and his Master's degree
18 in physical education at the University of Minnesota; he
19 subsequently earned his second Master's degree in psychology
20 and his doctorate in counseling psychology; and

21 WHEREAS, Guy had a vision to provide support to underserved

1 persons and applied his determination and wisdom to develop the
2 Rehabilitation Institute at Southern Illinois
3 University-Carbondale, making it one of the few universities in
4 the country at the time to provide services for the blind,
5 deaf, and persons using wheelchairs; and

6 WHEREAS, Through his strength and charisma the
7 Rehabilitation Institute became a nationally acclaimed program
8 which trained more than 1,000 professionals in rehabilitation
9 and mental health services; and

10 WHEREAS, Guy retired from 23 years of service to Southern
11 Illinois University-Carbondale and at the age of 60 started a
12 partnership with two friends, Ted Wichman and Skip Cosgrove,
13 and began a vineyard and winery later known as Alto Vineyards;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, People from across the globe have come to southern
16 Illinois to sample the brilliant wines and warm hospitality of
17 Alto Vineyards, seeing and tasting for themselves the labor of
18 love which Guy passed along to his son Paul Renzaglia, a love
19 for life and for people which is evident in every delicious
20 sip; and

21 WHEREAS, Alto Vineyards has served as the model for dozens
22 of other wineries and as the birthplace of the wine industry in

1 Illinois; the State now boasts some 90 working wineries and
2 hundreds of acres of vineyards, bringing Illinois national
3 respect as a wine producing region enjoyed by thousands of
4 visitors each year; and

5 WHEREAS, Our hearts are heavy but we rejoice in the time
6 Guy Renzaglia shared in our lives, we are comforted by the
7 knowledge that Guy's memory will never leave the fertile and
8 beautiful rolling hills of southern Illinois, and the wonderful
9 people of this area and the Southern Illinois University
10 community; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn, along with his family, friends, and a grateful
14 nation, the passing of Guy Renzaglia; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That that a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Guy Renzaglia as a symbol of our
17 sincere sympathy.