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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Maurice Spiegel was born on October 27, 1911 to Russian born Max Spiegel and Lithuanian born Ida Kaplan; he had an older sister, Tillie and 5 brothers, Lou, Irv, Frank, Hy, and Bill; and

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WHEREAS, He grew up near Roosevelt and Halsted Streets in Chicago; his family was poor and he started working as a young boy selling newspapers and putting whatever money he earned under his mother's pillow; he quit high school when he could not afford the mechanical drawing set for his drafting course; he then went to work full-time and didnt shop until he was almost 80 years old; and

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WHEREAS, Known as Maurie, he did get his high school G.E.D. and took college courses through the GI Bill after he left the United States Army; he worked various jobs in the main post office in downtown Chicago for 27 years and after retiring from that job worked part-time as a messenger for Continental Bank for another 15 years; and

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WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1945, stationed in Alaska on the brutally cold island of Atu, the westernmost of the Aleutian Islands; and

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1 WHEREAS, From the time he was a young child he was very
2 athletic; he was short but could really belt a softball; in
3 organized competition he was known for his home run ability; he
4 was also a good swimmer and once saved a drowning child's life;
5 living in a somewhat tough neighborhood, Maurie learned to
6 defend himself and his younger brothers; he got into some
7 fights but claimed he did not start them, just finished them;
8 he is an unbelievable checkers player, living up to the name he
9 made for himself as a child, winning tournaments; and

10 WHEREAS, Maurie was married to the late Lucille, and they
11 had one son, Harvey; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Maurice Spiegel on this special occasion and
15 wish him good health and happiness for years to come; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Maurice Spiegel as a symbol of our
19 respect and esteem.