

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to express their sincere condolences to
4 the family and friends of Stanislaw "Stanley" Dobrzycki, who
5 passed away on March 17, 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, Stanislaw Dobrzycki was born on July 5, 1921 in
7 Kurki, Poland; and

8 WHEREAS, On September 1, 1939, two weeks after World War
9 II began, Stanislaw Dobrzycki and his entire family were
10 arrested and imprisoned for several months by Soviet forces
11 invading from the east; in February of 1940, they were herded
12 in freight cars to the Soviet gulags in Siberia; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 3, 1942, after the Soviets switched
14 alliances, Mr. Dobrzycki volunteered with the 3rd Carpathian
15 Division, First Artillery, 22nd Brigade of the Polish Free
16 Army in the Qastina Camp in the former U.S.S.R; under the
17 command of General Kopanski, the Polish Free Army was formed
18 and moved westward to join the British Command in April 1942;
19 Mr. Dobrzycki's unit was victorious in an attack on May 19,
20 1944 on the mountaintop monastery of Monte Cassino, where
21 German forces had cut off the route to Rome and Northern
22 Italy; the victory opened a route to Allied forces; in
23 addition to Monte Cassino, he also fought at Ancona and
24 Bologna before being evacuated to England and discharged as a
25 lieutenant; and

26 WHEREAS, Stanislaw Dobrzycki was awarded the Polish
27 Army's Bronze Cross of Merit with swords and the Cross of
28 Monte Cassino, battle stars for 1939 to 1945 from the British
29 Army along with the Star of Italy, Defense Medal and war
30 medals from 1939 through 1945; he was recently awarded the
31 Golden Battle Cross of Honor by the minister plenipotentiary
32 at the Republic of Poland's consulate in Chicago, Illinois;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Dobrzycki returned to Italy in 1994 for the
3 50th anniversary of the battle at Monte Cassino and visited
4 the cemetery where his comrades were buried; and

5 WHEREAS, After living in England for many years, Mr.
6 Dobrzycki moved to Chicago in 1950, where he married his
7 wife, Danuta, a third-year medical student, and settled on
8 the northwest side; he worked as a precision tool maker for
9 Glenbard Tool of Anister Brothers; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Dobrzycki was very active in Chicago's
11 Polish-American community; he was a member in the Polish
12 National Alliance Lodge 771, president of the PNA and Polish
13 American Congress; he also served as a member of the Siberian
14 Society of the USA, the Polish Carpathian Society of America,
15 the Polish American Numismatics Association, and the Polonus
16 Philatelic Society; in addition he served as an election
17 judge for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dobrzycki was an avid stamp collector; he
19 also put together an exhibit honoring musician and statesman,
20 Ignacy Paderewski that earned him international honors; and

21 WHEREAS, The passing of Stanislaw Dobrzycki will be
22 deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his
23 wife, Danuta "Donna" Dobrzycki; his sons, Mark Dobrzycki and
24 Chris (wife, Agnieszka) Dobrzycki; his sister, Sabina
25 Chmielewski; his brother, Jerzy Dobrzycki; and his many
26 relatives in Poland and Chicago's South and North Sides;
27 therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
29 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
30 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the death of Stanislaw
31 Dobrzycki, of Harwood Heights, Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Stanislaw Dobrzycki with our
3 sincere condolences.