

Outraged Plumber Strikes Back

Chicago

Plumber Frank Giglio is proud of his trade and angry that its good name has been sullied by the Watergate raiders.

"I take very much offense when people use the term 'White House Plumbers,'" Giglio said. "Not only my children, but others are under the impression that those involved were actually plumbers.

"They ought to call them Watergate lawyers as far as I'm concerned."

Giglio, owner of a small plumbing firm and a member of the Illinois Legislature since 1972, plans to introduce a resolution calling for burial of the term "White House plumbers."

Although a resolution is merely symbolic, Democrat Giglio hopes it will make people stop and think before they use the phrase.

He said he wrote to Senator Sam Ervin about the matter during the Senate Watergate hearings when the word "plumbers" was

used daily, but Ervin apparently had other things to think about because he never responded.

When the phrase cropped up again recently in connection with the Central Intelligence Agency investigations, Giglio got angry all over again.

"The plumbers protects the health of the nation," Giglio said. "We do play a vital part if you think about it — the water you drink every day, the sewage system.



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