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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor and celebrate the life of Former Chief Judge John T. Phillips; and

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WHEREAS, Longtime Lake County Circuit Court Judge John T. Phillips passed away surrounded by family on January 6, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips served the 19th Judicial Circuit for more than 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips graduated from Coe College in 1969 and from the University of Iowa School of Law in 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips served in the United States Air Force, active and reserve duty, for 28 years, and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips practiced law in Grayslake with the firm Churchill, Baumgartner, and Phillips from 1976 until 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips was appointed Associate Judge in 1993, elected Circuit Judge in 2006, and elected Chief

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1 Judge in 2014; and

2 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips served in every division of
3 the 19th Judicial Circuit, but he is best known for the
4 integral part he played in the formation of the circuit's drug,
5 mental health, and veteran's courts, leading to his unanimous
6 election to Chief Judge by his peers in 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips served in the position of
8 Chief Judge until his retirement in 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips also served on the Special
10 Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health
11 Planning of the Illinois Supreme Court; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Judge Phillips also actively served his
13 community through many organizations, such as the Rotary Club,
14 the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion; and

15 WHEREAS, The knowledge, integrity, and advocacy of Chief
16 Judge John T. Phillips will truly be missed; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 honor and celebrate the life of Chief Judge John T. Phillips
20 and we recognize his many years of dedicated service to the

1 19th Judicial Circuit and his fellow citizens; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Chief Judge Phillips as an
5 expression of our deepest sympathy.