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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Tom Hynes, who passed away on May 4, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Hynes attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary and used his preparation for the priesthood as preparation for a political career; he graduated first in his class from Loyola Law School in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Long regarded as a Democratic powerhouse with national reach, Tom Hynes was elected State Senator in 1970; he was elected Senate President in 1977; two of his career highlights in Springfield were his chief sponsorship of the Equal Rights Amendment for women and his authoring of the Homeowners Property Tax Exemption; he chaired the Clinton/Gore presidential campaign in Illinois in 1996; he stepped down from his position on the Democratic National Committee in 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Hynes served as Democratic committeeman of the 19th Ward in Beverly for 31 years; he served as county assessor from 1978 until 1997; after retiring as assessor, he worked in private practice as a lawyer until 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Hynes was a dedicated public servant and a

1 true gentleman who represented his constituents and residents
2 across Illinois with consummate class and dignity; his legacy
3 will live on through his family of public servants who are
4 committed to making a difference; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Hynes is survived by his wife, Judy; his sons,
6 Matt, Dan, and Thomas Hynes; his daughter, Leah Griffin; and
7 his ten grandchildren; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we mourn the passing of Tom Hynes and extend our sincere
11 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
12 him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Tom Hynes as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.