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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, John E. McGovern III, a native of Illinois born in
3 Chicago, displayed from his earliest years a high level of
4 intelligence and an orientation towards politics and history;
5 he attended Lake Forest Country Day School, boarded at
6 Deerfield Academy, and was admitted to Princeton University;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, As a Princeton student in history, John McGovern
9 passed through bicker into the Ivy Club, and also joined Sigma
10 Alpha Epsilon; after graduating with honors in history and
11 American Studies, he attended the Pritzker School of Law at
12 Northwestern University, earning a J.D. degree; he passed the
13 bar exam and was admitted to the Illinois bar; and

14 WHEREAS, Continuing his interest in politics, John
15 McGovern took positions as press secretary with the Illinois
16 Republican Party from 1994 to 1998 and as campaign manager for
17 then-U.S. Representative Mark Kirk in 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, As part of his continued professional
19 advancement, John McGovern affiliated himself with the Office
20 of the U.S. Speaker of the House; he combined his service as a
21 high-level congressional aide with the development of
22 increasing dexterity in U.S. politics as the executive director

1 of Keep Our Majority PAC; and

2 WHEREAS, Continuing his work on Capitol Hill, John McGovern
3 was a senior advisor to U.S. Representative Bob Dold from 2010
4 through 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, As a senior political strategist, John McGovern
6 successfully turned to private equity; he served for
7 approximately seven years at Resolute Consulting LLC, and as a
8 principal in the Thurston Group as a manager of strategic
9 initiatives; and

10 WHEREAS, As a civic leader, John McGovern was asked by his
11 friends and acquaintances to take on a variety of additional
12 responsibilities; he served on the board of directors of the
13 Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago and, at the time of his death,
14 was serving as vice president of the Auxiliary Board of the Art
15 Institute of Chicago; he served on many other boards and
16 advisory councils, including panels that provide leadership
17 and financial backing for the Field Museum and the Rush Medical
18 Center; and

19 WHEREAS, In news that shocked and saddened those close to
20 him, John McGovern died on Friday, July 13, 2018, at the age of
21 only 48; and

1 WHEREAS, John McGovern leaves behind his wife of seven
2 years, Wentworth Caldwell McGovern; his sons, Caldwell Armour
3 McGovern and Watson Greeley McGovern; and many other family
4 members and friends; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 feel a sense of sadness and loss at John McGovern's death, and
8 we mourn his passing; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to his widow, Wentworth Caldwell McGovern, as a
11 symbol of our sadness and sense of loss.