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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of John Darrah, who passed away on March 23, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, John Darrah was born in Chicago to Paul and Adele Darrah on December 11, 1938; he graduated from Mt. Carmel High School and Loyola University with a degree in philosophy; he attended night school while working at the Chicago pipe yard and graduated from the Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1969; and

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WHEREAS, John Darrah served as an attorney for the Federal Trade Commission from 1969 to 1971; from 1971 until 1973, he was a Deputy Public Defender for the DuPage County Public Defender Office; he was a DuPage County Assistant State's Attorney from 1973 until 1976; he then went into private practice at Ryan & Darrah; in 1986, he was elected to serve in the State Court and was assigned to the Chancery Division of the 18th Judicial Circuit of DuPage County; he served in this capacity until 2000, when he was appointed to the United States Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by President Bill Clinton; in addition to his time on the bench, he served as an adjunct professor at Northern Illinois University College of Law and The John Marshall Law School; and

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1           WHEREAS, John Darrah was an avid fan of the Chicago White  
2 Sox and loved fishing; he also enjoyed spending time with his  
3 family and friends; he remained active in the legal community,  
4 mentoring countless attorneys throughout their careers; and

5           WHEREAS, John Darrah was preceded in death by his parents;  
6 his son-in-law, Jay Leinfelder; his brothers-in-law, Jim  
7 Boyer, John Carroll, and Rich Myers; and his nephew, David  
8 Myers; and

9           WHEREAS, John Darrah was the beloved husband of Jeannine  
10 Darrah; the cherished father of Jacqueline "Jackie" Darrah  
11 (Steve Knapmiller), Nancy Leinfelder, Paul (Dina Aralles)  
12 Darrah, Craig (Andrea Stetz) Darrah, and Julie (Brad) Peterson;  
13 the father of stepchildren, Lauren (Daniel) Vogley, Justin  
14 (Whitney) Custardo, Emily (Dorian) Jarrette, Hillary  
15 (Christian) Nunez, and Matthew Custardo; the grandfather of 19;  
16 the great-grandfather of three; the brother of Joan Myers, Jim  
17 (Maribeth) Darrah, Joyce Boyer, Sue Carroll, and Sharon (Mike)  
18 Coogan; the fond brother-in-law of Yvette and Chuck Koubek,  
19 Denise and Rick White, Bill and Kathleen Burton, Jamie and Mike  
20 Molitor, and Bob and Angie Burton; and the son-in-law of  
21 William and Veronica Burton; therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 John Darrah, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
3 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of John Darrah as an expression of our  
6 deepest sympathy.