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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 Anthony "Tony" Pinelli, who passed away on October 7, 2019 at the age of 71; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was born on August 28, 1948 to Anthony and Louise (DeGeorge) Pinelli, one of seven children; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was the devoted husband of Karen (Korderka) and father of Anthony J.; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was a member of the Loyola Academy Class of 1966; he went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Loyola University Chicago and then his law degree from the Chicago-Kent College of Law at Illinois Institute of Technology; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli began his legal career in 1973 as a Cook County Public Defender, working on misdemeanors, felonies, and death penalty cases; he then served as the in-house counsel to a large pension fund, where he focused on civil litigation before entering private practice; and

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WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli opened the Law Offices of Anthony

1 Pinelli; because of his forty plus years of experience and
2 diverse legal background, he was able to listen to a client and
3 achieve the desired outcome; he was able to represent a wide
4 range of clients but focused on matters of labor and employment
5 law, civil litigation, licensing agencies, government
6 agencies, and criminal defense; and

7 WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was an adjunct professor at Loyola
8 University Chicago School of Law since 1981; he specialized in
9 trial advocacy and appellate law; when he was not in the
10 courtroom, you could likely find him in his classroom; he was
11 an excellent teacher, and his students respected him for his
12 reputation as a top Chicago trial lawyer; and

13 WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was the recipient of the highest
14 Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent peer-review rating for legal
15 excellence every year since 1986 in recognition of his
16 professional achievements; he was named among the top attorneys
17 in Illinois by Leading Lawyers; and

18 WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was beloved by all and a respected
19 adviser to family, friends, and clients; his continued success
20 was a result of his work ethic and was proof of his dedication;
21 he was an excellent attorney, and his legacy as a top trial
22 lawyer will endure; he will also be remembered for his
23 advocacy; and

1 WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was a loyal friend, had a big heart,
2 and was generous and kind; he was an incredible storyteller; he
3 was dedicated to his family, and his humor and smile will be
4 missed; and

5 WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli was preceded in death by his parents,
6 Anthony and Louise; and

7 WHEREAS, Tony Pinelli is survived by his wife, Karen; his
8 son, Anthony J.; his siblings, Madeline Pinelli, Vincent (Sue)
9 Pinelli, Mary Lou Kelley, Mary (Rod) Mellon, Richard Pinelli,
10 Christina (Marvin) Baldwin, and Lawrence Pinelli; as well as
11 many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Anthony Pinelli and extend our sincere condolences to his
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Anthony Pinelli as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.