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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 Charles F. "Charley" Clarke Jr. of Lake Forest, who passed away on January 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Charles Clarke Jr. was born in Chicago to Virginie Dennehy Clarke and Charles F. Clarke Sr. on March 3, 1929; he attended the Bell School (class of 1942), Canterbury School (class of 1947), and Brown University (class of 1951), where he majored in Classics and made many friends in the DKE fraternity; he served as a Second Lieutenant in the Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953; he married Eleanor "Ellie" O'Connor in Palm Beach, Florida on January 3, 1959; and

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WHEREAS, Once he left the service, Charles Clarke Jr. began his distinguished career in Chicago real estate; he began at Arthur Rubloff & Co. in 1956; he became Vice President in 1963; he was recruited by Sudler & Co. in 1965 and continued to work in commercial brokerage at Sudler for 39 years; his major assignments included leading the team to manage and lease the new John Hancock Center building, then the world's tallest, and the Water Tower Place; he also served on the boards of the Mid City Bank, Verado Energy, and the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association; and

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1 WHEREAS, Charles Clarke Jr. had a long life of
2 philanthropic work; he served on many non-profit boards,
3 including the Canterbury School, The Rehabilitation Institute
4 of Chicago, Catholic Charities (as President), Onwentsia Club
5 (as President), the Otho S.A. Sprague Memorial Institute (as
6 President), Barat College, and Lake Forest Hospital; he worked
7 diligently for the City of Lake Forest, where he served on the
8 Lake Forest City Planning Commission and its Zoning Board of
9 Appeals; he also served as Mayor of Lake Forest from 1990 to
10 1993 (as had his father from 1943 to 1946); and

11 WHEREAS, Charles Clarke Jr. was an outdoorsman and loved
12 traveling with his wife, kids, and grandchildren; he gave his
13 children and grandchildren a love for nature with many trips
14 out west, skiing, camping, hunting, fishing, and horseback
15 riding; he especially enjoyed spending time with them in
16 Telluride, Colorado; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles Clarke Jr. was preceded in death by his
18 parents; his daughter, Eleanor M. Clarke; his brothers, John
19 Clarke and Thomas Clarke; and his sister, Patricia Clarke
20 Flynn; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles Clarke Jr. is survived by his wife,
22 Eleanor O'Connor Clarke; his sister, Louise Clarke Hough; his
23 children, Charles F. (Vanessa) Clarke III, Timothy S. Clarke,

1 and Jay A. Clarke; his grandchildren, Arlo, Darby, Chase,
2 Haley, and Ben Clarke, and Liam and Cora Bradley; and many
3 nephews, nieces, and cousins; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Charles F. "Charley" Clarke Jr. and extend our sincere
7 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
8 him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Charles F. Clarke Jr. as an
11 expression of our deepest sympathy.