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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 Clark Michael "Mike" Shanahan of Oak Park, who passed away on July 1, 2020 at the age of 64; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan was born to Clark and JoAnn (Kelley) Shanahan in Owosso, Michigan on July 12, 1955; he was a graduate of the Farallones Institute in California, where he discovered his passion for furniture design and construction; he subsequently pursued a career in furniture craftsmanship in Paris; his love for french culture inspired him to earn a Bachelor of Arts in French from the University of Illinois at Chicago upon his return to the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan had his own woodworking shops in and around Paris; his clients included Chanel, actresses such as Delphine Seyrig, the Manufacture Nationale des Gobelins, and many more; he continued his woodworking in the U.S., where he produced work for high-profile clients such as the Museum of Contemporary Art; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan was a passionate advocate for racial, social, environmental, and economic justice; he was known for the lively and intellectual discussions he invited at his dinner table; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan was deeply committed to his
2 community and his world; he tackled the nuts and bolts tasks of
3 political activism with enthusiasm, intellectualism, and
4 charm; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Shanahan was the loving husband of
6 Marie-Hélène (Roudaut) Shanahan; the father of Matthieu
7 Shanahan (April Paulson), Claire (Matthew) Senn, and Alice
8 (Carlos) Robles-Shanahan; the grandfather to Elliot, Louise,
9 and Oliver; and the brother to Kathleen Shanahan (Joseph
10 Hlavacek), Thomas Shanahan (Mariann Watson), Matthew Shanahan
11 (Cara Weiler), and Susan (Jeffrey) Phillips; 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 Clark Michael "Mike" Shanahan and extend our sincere
15 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
16 him; and be it further

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