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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the deaths of Thomas Francis "Tom" Connelly, Ph.D., who passed away on December 3, 2020, and Ann Louise (Duffy) Connelly, who passed away on November 7, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Tom and Ann Connelly were married for 61 years; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Connelly was born on the West Side of Chicago to John and Ann (Rafter) Connelly; he was a long-time resident of La Grange; he earned his bachelor's degree in Classical Studies from Loyola University Chicago; he served in the U.S. Navy in the Navy Submarine Force and was based in Hawaii; he obtained his master's degree in Classics from the University of Kentucky; he earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration from Loyola University Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Connelly worked for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) his entire career; he began teaching Latin at South Shore High School, where he served as the faculty advisor of the award-winning Shoreline newspaper; after passing the principal's exam, he worked in the CPS administration for the remainder of his career; and

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1           WHEREAS, Tom Connelly was passionate about tutoring  
2 students in Latin, from his own grandchildren and friends to  
3 the undergraduate students at Ave Maria University in Naples,  
4 Florida; and

5           WHEREAS, Ann Connelly was born on the West Side of Chicago;  
6 she was a long-time resident of La Grange; she graduated from  
7 St. Xaxier University; and

8           WHEREAS, Ann Connelly was a registered nurse and worked as  
9 a school nurse for Chicago Public Schools; and

10           WHEREAS, Ann Connelly especially enjoyed playing bridge  
11 with her college friends from St. Xavier University; she worked  
12 tirelessly for her family and at one point had 5 children, with  
13 the oldest being 3 1/2 years old; and

14           WHEREAS, Together, Tom and Ann Connelly enjoyed traveling  
15 the world with each other and their many friends; they loved  
16 doting on their grandchildren and great-grandchildren; they  
17 were deeply committed to their faith, and that faith was  
18 central to their love for one another; they will be missed; and

19           WHEREAS, Tom and Ann Connelly were preceded in death by  
20 Tom's brother, Jack; his twin brother, Francis Thomas; his  
21 sisters, Catherine and Winifred; Ann's brothers, James and

1 David; and her sister, Mary Spradlin; and

2 WHEREAS, Tom and Ann Connelly were the parents of Mary  
3 (late Jerome) O'Rourke, Thomas (Amanda), Mark (Mary), Maureen  
4 (Martin) O'Connor, Michael (Lisa), Timothy (Noreen), and Ann  
5 Marie (John) Kavanagh; the grandparents of 23 grandchildren;  
6 the great-grandparents of three great-grandchildren; the  
7 brother and sister-in-law of Edward; and loved their 4-legged  
8 companion, Jesse James; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Thomas Francis "Tom" Connelly, Ph.D. and Ann Louise (Duffy)  
12 Connelly and extend our sincere condolences to their family,  
13 friends, and all who knew and loved them; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Tom and Ann Connelly as an  
16 expression of our deepest sympathy.