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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of William Norman "Bill" Krucks of Winnetka, who passed away on July 23, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, William Krucks was born in Chicago on October 28, 1949 and grew up in Deerfield; he attained degrees from Tulane University and graduated from the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he ranked first in his class, served as editor of the Mississippi Law Journal, and was a member of the Moot Court Board; and

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WHEREAS, William Krucks initially practiced law in Chicago at a prominent law firm; together with five partners and six staff, he departed his firm and co-founded the new law firm Freeborn & Peters LLP at the age of 33 in June 1983; he saw the firm grow into employing more than 350 people across five national offices in four states and become ranked among Chicago's elite; he was noted for his success and his dedication to his clients; he maintained many client relationships that lasted for more than 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, William Krucks was named a leading lawyer in the fields of Labor, Employment, and Insurance Defense Law by the

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1 Leading Lawyers Network, a designation accorded to less than
2 five percent of practicing lawyers in the United States; he
3 was nominated as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in
4 2011 and Fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation
5 Lawyers; and

6 WHEREAS, William Krucks was committed to public service
7 and his community; he was elected and served as the chair of
8 the Village of Winnetka Caucus Council from 2010 to 2011; he
9 was a commissioner of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the chair
10 of the Winnetka Plan Commission; he served as a village
11 trustee and a member of the Winnetka Village Council from 2014
12 to 2017; he belonged to the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
13 Advisory Board since 2017; apart from his law practice and
14 civic leadership, he also served as chairman, director, vice
15 president, and general counsel for the Rauland-Borg
16 Corporation; and

17 WHEREAS, William Krucks was an avid reader and a lifelong
18 student; he loved his Cigarette Racing boat, the annual
19 fishing trips he took with his friends, rock and roll, and his
20 ever-improving golf game; he was devoted to his family, and he
21 always coached his girls' soccer teams and helped with science
22 projects; alongside his wife, he held multiple roles within
23 the Trevian Girls Softball Association and could often be
24 found cheering on the sidelines of their children's various

1 sporting events; he will be remembered most for being a loving
2 husband and father who never stopped giving; and

3 WHEREAS, William Krucks was preceded in death by his
4 parents, William and Lorraine (Rauland) Krucks; and

5 WHEREAS, William Krucks is survived by his wife, Linda;
6 his brother, Kenneth R. Krucks; his children, Jaylee
7 (McGarvey) House, Cary (Ashley) Levine, Kathryn "Kiki" Krucks,
8 Greta Krucks Montagano, and Laura (Matt) Strautman; and his
9 five grandchildren; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we mourn the passing of William Norman "Bill" Krucks and
13 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
14 who knew and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of William Krucks as an expression of
17 our deepest sympathy.