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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Gerald "Jerry" Francis Murray, who
4 passed away on April 7, 2021 at the age of 78; and

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray was born to James and Rose Murray in
6 Chicago on October 15, 1942; and

7 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray attended Chicago State University
8 (Chicago Teacher's College) and spent a year and a half as an
9 elementary school teacher in Chicago Public Schools; and

10 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray joined VISTA, Volunteers In Service
11 to America, where he worked with local community organizations
12 in California; and

13 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray taught at Providence St. Mel High
14 School in Chicago for two years before entering Loyola
15 University's School of Law; and

16 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray practiced law for 40 years with a
17 focus on insurance and adoption law; and

18 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray and his wife Elaine were united in
19 marriage on August 30, 1969; they moved to Oak Park in 1972 and

1 lived there for nearly 50 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray was a pillar of the Oak Park
3 community and served as a liaison for many public service
4 organizations; and

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray was a dedicated volunteer, community
6 activist, and dear friend to many at the Democratic Party of
7 Oak Park, the Oak Park Food Bank, and Housing Forward, a
8 non-profit with a mission of ending homelessness; and

9 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray played an important role in
10 providing pro bono law services to individuals and families in
11 Oak Park; and

12 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray could be found at the Oak Park
13 Farmer's Market in any multitude of volunteer roles
14 surrounding voter registration, climate change action, and
15 upcoming elections; and

16 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray had a passion for nature and
17 conservation, which led him to spend countless hours on Sierra
18 Club trips and volunteering on behalf of protecting the
19 environment; and

20 WHEREAS, Jerry Murray is survived by his wife, Elaine; his

1 son, Joseph (Jenny); his daughter, Norah (Daniel); his
2 grandsons, Connor, Devon, Dylan, Michael, Derek, Owen, and
3 Francis; his brothers, Tom (Judy), Jim (Ann), and Bob (Linda);
4 his sister-in-law, June; his sister, Rosemary; and his dozens
5 of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Gerald "Jerry" Francis Murray and extend our sincere
10 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
11 him; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Jerry Murray as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.