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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 John Thomas "Tom" Long of Godfrey, who passed away on January 28, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Long was born to Virginia (Fransden) and John D. "Jack" Long in Kankakee on May 3, 1950; he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business and Accounting from Eastern Illinois University, where was a founding member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity; he earned his Juris Doctor from Southern Methodist University School of Law and his C.P.A. from the University of Illinois; he served in the U.S. Army; he married Robin L. Barton on March 10, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Long served as a law clerk for the U.S. Department of Justice and Locke, Purnell, Laney & Neely, P.C.; he was a tax specialist with Coopers & Lybrand, CPAs; he served as Madison County Assistant State's Attorney under both Don Weber and William Haine; he was C.E.O. and vice chairman of the Argosy Gaming Company; he was chairman of the board and principal shareholder of First National Bank of Grant Park and First Community Bank of Godfrey; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Long was licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri; he was a partner with Farrell, Heil, Long & St.

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1 Peters, P.C.; he was then a partner with Farrell and Long,
2 P.C.; he then served as of counsel with Farrell, Hunter,
3 Hamilton & Julian, P.C.; he was currently serving as of
4 counsel with Sandberg Phoenix & von Gontard, P.C; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Long was a member of the White House Advance
6 Office, the Presidential Inaugural Commission for the 2001
7 Bush-Cheney Inauguration, and the Bush-Cheney 2000 Advance
8 Team; he served as site representative for the Bush-Cheney
9 2000 Victory Train Tour, one of 22 electors of the Electoral
10 College of the Republican Party for the State of Illinois,
11 lead advance representative for former President George W.
12 Bush to Principia College, delegate to the 1988 Republican
13 Convention, and host to President George H. W. Bush in Madison
14 County for the 1988 Lincoln Day Dinner and the September 1988
15 Campaign Rally in Alton; he also served as Madison County
16 Republican Chairman from 1986 to 1991; and

17 WHEREAS, Tom Long was a member of the Illinois State Bar
18 Association, the Madison County Bar Association, the
19 Alton-Wood River Bar Association, the Chicago Bar Association,
20 the Illinois CPA Society, the Illinois Community Bankers
21 Association, the Southern Illinois Employers Association, OSF
22 St. Anthony's Health Center Board of Directors, and the
23 Southwestern Illinois Growth Association; he was a member of
24 Vaughn Hill Church of Christ; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Long received the Significant Sig Award by
2 the Sigma Chi Fraternity in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Long was preceded in death by his parents;
4 his brother, Stephen Long; his niece and goddaughter,
5 Jacqueline "Jackie" Long; his brother-in-law, Michael Collier;
6 his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Martha
7 Barton; and his nephew, Joshua Condellone; and

8 WHEREAS, Tom Long is survived by his wife; his daughters,
9 Margaret (Mike) Long Kohl, Erin (Joe) Long Mays, and Emma
10 Long; his grandchildren, Charlotte, Barrett, Louis, Marion,
11 Elsie, and John; his former wife, Virginia M. Long; his
12 brothers, Mike (Suzanne) Long, Dennis (Anne) Long, and Jeff
13 (Diane) Long; his sisters, Mary Jo (John) Snyder and Mary Beth
14 (Terry Siefert) Collier; his numerous nieces, nephews,
15 great-nieces, and great-nephews; his brother-in-law, Ron
16 (Cheryl) Barton; and his sister-in-law, Rhonda (Patrick)
17 Linders; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 John Thomas "Tom" Long and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Tom Long as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.