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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives and the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn
4 of the death of Daniel L. "Dan" Goodwin, who passed away on
5 January 19, 2024; and

6 WHEREAS, On June 26, 1943, Daniel L. Goodwin was born in
7 Berwyn, Illinois; as a child, he enrolled in the Chicago
8 public schools system and Illinois public universities,
9 receiving a diploma from Lane Tech and a degree from what was
10 then the Illinois Teachers' College - Chicago North; and

11 WHEREAS, With the career goal of being a science teacher,
12 Dan Goodwin earned a master's degree from Northern Illinois
13 University and set to work as a science teacher in the Chicago
14 Public School system; he was assigned to schools on the West
15 Side of the City of Chicago and worked in the West Side in the
16 1960s; and

17 WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Dan Goodwin, his wife, Carol
18 Goodwin, and their colleagues saw the challenges and hopes
19 facing young adults as they searched for safe places to live
20 and raise a family; he and three fellow teachers formed an
21 alliance to acquire, develop, build, and manage real estate;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, The foursome chose Dan Goodwin to lead what would
2 become The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc.; with
3 one eye on the financial marketplace and the other eye on
4 customer demand, the Inland Real Estate Group of Companies,
5 Inc. moved into commercial real estate development; and

6 WHEREAS, Entities, partnerships, and affiliations in which
7 The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies, Inc. have been a
8 lynch pin have launched more than 800 separate real estate
9 investment tranches, have led or aided in the development of
10 hundreds of millions of square feet of real estate, have
11 established ties with hundreds of thousands of partners and
12 investors, and have closed more than \$80 billion in commercial
13 real estate transactions; and

14 WHEREAS, By 2024, The Inland Real Estate Group of
15 Companies, Inc. had achieved nationwide market-leadership
16 expertise in leasing, property management, land development,
17 commercial real estate brokerage, commercial real estate
18 finance, property finance, and property investment; and

19 WHEREAS, By 2024, under its founder, chairman, and CEO Dan
20 Goodwin, The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies,
21 headquartered in Oak Brook, was the employer of more than
22 1,000 Americans across the country, including experts in real

1 estate development, real estate management, and real estate
2 finance and investment; and

3 WHEREAS, Chairman and CEO Dan Goodwin never forgot his
4 ties to the former Illinois Teachers' College-Chicago North,
5 now known as Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU); NEIU
6 asked their graduate, Dan Goodwin, to sit on their board of
7 trustees; he would chair the NEIU board for 10 years, from 1996
8 through 2006; in 2016 in honor of his service, NEIU named its
9 College of Education The Daniel L. Goodwin College of
10 Education; and

11 WHEREAS, Benedictine University in Lisle developed an even
12 more prolonged interrelationship with Dan Goodwin's life of
13 service; for more than 30 years, he served as vice chairman of
14 Benedictine University; the Daniel L. Goodwin College of
15 Business (GCOB) at Benedictine University currently has 22
16 faculty members, administrators, and staff, with a
17 career-minded orientation similar to the life pathway that Dan
18 Goodwin himself followed; and

19 WHEREAS, Of the hundreds of local and national
20 recognitions accorded to Dan Goodwin, a select list in 2021
21 for the works of service he had performed up to that time
22 contained more than 40 separate honors and awards, including
23 an unprecedented three separate presentations of the Ethics in

1 Business Award by the Better Business Bureau, presented in
2 2009, 2014, and again in 2017 to The Inland Real Estate Group
3 of Companies, Inc.; and

4 WHEREAS, Dan Goodwin never relinquished his passionate
5 support for affordable housing for all Illinois families; he
6 organized the New Directions Housing Corporation, a
7 non-for-profit corporation, that has worked closely with
8 financial partners and tax advisors to finance the
9 construction of housing all over Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Goodwin also served for 10 years on the board
11 of the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) Trust
12 Fund, helping to raise billions of dollars for affordable
13 housing, first-time family housing, and senior housing
14 throughout Illinois; and

15 WHEREAS, Constantly fighting for his native State of
16 Illinois, Dan Goodwin served for many years on the board of the
17 Better Government Association (BGA); to honor his service, the
18 BGA renamed the award bestowing its highest honor as the
19 Daniel L. Goodwin Watchdog Award in 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, Daniel L. Goodwin died on January 19, 2024 at the
21 age of 80; friends described him as a prolific fundraiser,
22 giver, networker, and friend of enlightened business and

1 thoughtful finance; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we express our profound grief
5 upon the death of Illinois native son, Daniel L. "Dan"
6 Goodwin, and our gratitude for his unprecedented achievements
7 in business and public service; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
9 presented to Carol Goodwin, Daniel L. Goodwin's beloved wife,
10 Jennifer Blaha, his daughter, and Julie Tice, his daughter, as
11 representatives of the family of the late Daniel L. Goodwin.