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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former
4 Illinois State Representative Alfred G. "Al" Ronan of Park
5 Ridge, who passed away on January 22, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Al Ronan was born to Phyllis and James Ronan in
7 Chicago on December 3, 1947; he graduated from Fenwick High
8 School; he earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science
9 from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), during which
10 he was a football player and letter winner and later became a
11 generous benefactor; and

12 WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating from UIC, Al Ronan began
13 a career in politics as a downstate political organizer for
14 then-candidate and future-Governor Dan Walker; he was later
15 appointed director of the Division of Mental Health for the
16 State of Illinois and as deputy secretary at the Illinois
17 Department of Transportation; and

18 WHEREAS, Al Ronan was elected to the Illinois House of
19 Representatives at the age of 31, representing the northwest
20 side of Chicago; during his 14-year tenure, he championed
21 important issues such as a statewide seat belt mandate and
22 consistently pushed for increased funding for K-12 education;

1 after departing the Illinois General Assembly, he established
2 and ran a successful lobbying and consulting practice; and

3 WHEREAS, Al Ronan loved his daughters, golf, and all
4 things Springfield, in that order; he was a trusted friend and
5 political advisor to many; he will be remembered for his quick
6 wit and extensive knowledge of political issues at both the
7 local and national levels; and

8 WHEREAS, Al Ronan is survived by his daughters, Maren
9 (Hon. Nicholas Kantas) Ronan and Jenna Ronan; his
10 grandchildren, Violet and Alexander Kantas; his longtime
11 partner, Cheryl Axley; and his sisters, Maryanne Locklin and
12 Bobbie Siller; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn the passing of former Illinois State Representative
16 Alfred G. "Al" Ronan and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Al Ronan as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.