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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Dan Meckes on becoming the fifth board chair in the 76th year history of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. (CMT), where he will be responsible for the strategic direction of the firm; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Meckes served as the president and chief executive officer of CMT; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Meckes will reach his 40th year of service with CMT in 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Under Dan Meckes' leadership, CMT was recognized as the 2014 Engineering News Records Midwest Design Firm of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, CMT was also recognized with the honor of receiving Consultant of the Year in 2013 from MoDOT's External Civil Rights Division and, in 2012, was recognized by the Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce as one of three recipients of the Outstanding Business of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, Dan Meckes helped secure several projects for CMT through the Illinois tollways after years of drought by

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1 building positive relationships and highlighting the special
2 qualities that CMT offers; and

3 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes navigated CMT to new heights through
4 disciplined expansions, remarkable leadership, personal
5 integrity, kindness, interpersonal skills, and profound
6 stature; and

7 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes was named the 2012 Outstanding
8 Engineer in Private Practice by the St. Louis Chapter of the
9 Missouri Society of Professional Engineers; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes was named the 2019 Sustainability
11 Award Winner by the ICAT Executive Board; and

12 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes serves on the diversity and executive
13 boards of the Innovations Conference on Infrastructure and
14 offers significant support to minority and women-owned
15 business enterprises; and

16 WHEREAS, For the past decade, Dan Meckes worked with Dr.
17 Amir Al-Khafaji to determine the annual guest list for the
18 executive summit that brought together world-class leaders
19 from business, legislatures, government, and education to
20 address major problems facing the infrastructure industry; and

1 WHEREAS, For over a decade, Dan Meckes chaired the
2 Sustainable Funding of Infrastructure Group of Illinois
3 (\$FIG), which was formed by past Illinois Senate President
4 John Cullerton; and

5 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes traveled with Dr. Al-Khafaji as a
6 speaker at an international conference in Egypt to present an
7 article on funding sources of infrastructure in Illinois and a
8 second article on funding of infrastructure at the U.S.
9 federal level; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes was called "Dr. Meckes" because of the
11 quality of his presentations in Egypt; and

12 WHEREAS, For more than a decade, Dan Meckes worked with
13 Dr. Al-Khafaji to focus on Illinois infrastructure funding
14 with senators, house members, governors, and CEOs of major
15 companies, including Caterpillar Inc., and these efforts
16 helped produce the \$45 billion Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan
17 in 2019; and

18 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes supported minority students, minority
19 businesses, and the conferences led by Dr. Al-Khafaji that
20 became premier events where leaders gathered to build new
21 relationships and partnerships to help the State of Illinois
22 and the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes supported Dr. Al-Khafaji's many
2 conferences, which attracted such guests as the Prime Minister
3 of Egypt, the President of the Illinois Senate, the Governor
4 of Illinois, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, the
5 Illinois Secretary of Transportation, the Chicago Commissioner
6 of Aviation, the Chairman of the Illinois Tollway Authority,
7 and CEOs of some of the largest companies in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes was recently elected to serve as a
9 2023-2025 national officer with the American Council of
10 Engineering Companies (ACEC), the oldest and largest
11 professional trade organization of engineering companies; and

12 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes and his fellow officers-elect will
13 begin their terms at ACEC's 2023 Spring Convention and
14 Legislative Summit, slated for a June convening in Washington,
15 D.C.; and

16 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes served as the chair of the American
17 Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Missouri; and

18 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes currently serves on the Missouri
19 Chamber Board of Directors and the Illinois Chamber PAC Board;
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1 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes is grateful for the love and support
2 he received from his family and especially his wife, Heidi,
3 his daughter, Justine Greever, his son-in-law, Josiah Greever,
4 his brother, Bob, and his brother's wife, Melissa, his sister,
5 Jane, and his sister's husband, Kevin Alberts, and his mother,
6 Ann Meckes; and

7 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes is a licensed professional engineer in
8 Illinois and Missouri; and

9 WHEREAS, Dan Meckes earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil
10 Engineering from Marquette University; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dan
13 Meckes on becoming the fifth board chair of Crawford, Murphy &
14 Tilly, Inc. and thank him for his service to the citizens of
15 the State of Illinois, especially minority students, and for
16 his work to make our country a better place for all; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That that a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Dan Meckes as a symbol of our esteem and respect.