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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 Philip "Phil" Cowan of Glenview, who passed away on February 16, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Cowan was born in Chicago on March 23, 1939; he was the son of Cecil and Irving Cohen and the twin brother of Ned Cowan; he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1961; he received his Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law; and

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WHEREAS, After law school, Phil Cowan served in the U.S. Army, and he eventually became an officer in the Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG) of the U.S. Army Reserve; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Cowan practiced law at Berger, Newmark, and Fenchel, P.C. for more than six decades; during that time, he chaired the firm's Labor and Employment Group and served as director, vice president, and treasurer before ultimately becoming the firm's managing partner; and

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WHEREAS, Phil Cowan was an active participant in the Midwest Friends of the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled, an international non-denominational program providing financial support to the Center, which has empowered over

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1 2,500 physically disabled men, women, and children to
2 participate in physical and psychological rehabilitation
3 through sports to attain the goal of leading productive and
4 successful lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil Cowan loved golfing, but he never kept
6 score, valuing the time he shared with his family and friends
7 as what mattered most; and

8 WHEREAS, Phil Cowan was known for his larger than life
9 personality and for instilling in all that knew him a zest for
10 gracious living and the importance of family and lifelong
11 friendships; his love and devotion to his wife, Arleen, and
12 his family were clear, as he praised their achievements and
13 accomplishments every chance he could; and

14 WHEREAS, Phil Cowan was the husband of Arleen Cowan for 62
15 years; the father of Lisa (Chris) Junker and Senator Laura
16 (Michael) Fine; the grandfather of Ashley, Allie, and Joshua
17 Junker and Jeremy and Jacob Fine; the great-grandfather of
18 Jason and Jessica; the brother of Ned (the late Linda) Cowan
19 and Eleanor (Arnold) Leib; and the brother-in-law of the late
20 Jerry (Judith) Malkin; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Philip "Phil" Cowan and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Phil Cowan as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.