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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 Laurence Msall of Inverness, formerly of Oak Park, who passed away on February 4, 2023 at the age of 61; and

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WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was born in Chicago on January 3, 1962 to parents Emil and Lucille (Kotewa) Msall; and

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WHEREAS, Laurence Msall graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep and Knox College; and

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WHEREAS, Laurence Msall earned a Juris Doctor degree from Loyola University School of Law in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was a recipient of the 1992 Loyola Leadership and Service Award; and

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WHEREAS, After graduating from Knox College in 1984, Laurence Msall moved to Springfield to work for then-Governor Jim Thompson at the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) and served as DCCA's chief legislative liaison; and

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WHEREAS, Laurence Msall joined the staff of the Commercial

1 Club of Chicago in 1990 as vice president, where he worked to
2 promote regional economic development strategies and special
3 projects, including the Soldier Field rehab and reorganization
4 of the United Way of Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall served as secretary to the
6 Commercial Club Foundation and as vice president of the Civic
7 Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was appointed by then-Governor
9 George H. Ryan as Senior Advisor for Economic Development in
10 1999, where he oversaw eleven of the State's economic
11 development and infrastructure-related agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was a member of the Civic
13 Federation, a bipartisan research organization working to
14 reduce government costs and improve public services; and

15 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall spent the last 21 years as
16 president of the Civic Federation; and

17 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was an active member of St. Giles
18 Catholic Parish in Oak Park and Holy Family in Inverness; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of his professional career,
20 Laurence Msall earned the trust and respect of Illinois

1 elected officials, policymakers, and policy advocates alike
2 for his wise and thoughtful counsel on fiscal and budget
3 matters; he regularly provided input and feedback in the
4 government and public arenas and was highly regarded and
5 admired for his intelligence, honesty, and insight as well as
6 his friendly and respectful manner; and

7 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was a committed supporter of the
8 non-profit L'Arche Chicago, which works to help adults with
9 intellectual disabilities lead happy, fulfilling lives; and

10 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall married Nicola Hill in 2018; and

11 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was an avid runner, devoted
12 Chicago White Sox and Bruce Springsteen fan, fisherman, world
13 traveler, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend; and

14 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was a longtime honorary member of
15 the Harmon family and was a mentor and an all-around sounding
16 board to Senate President Don Harmon, encompassing the Oak
17 Park and St. Ignatius days, Knox College and the practice of
18 law, Tuesday Night Hoops, and Family Mass; and

19 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was preceded in death by his
20 mother, his father, and his brother, Gerard Peter; and

1 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall is survived by his wife, Nicola;
2 his three daughters, Lucille, Camille, and Matilda; Nicola's
3 children, Alex (Maria), Samantha (Michael), Tommy, Tess, and
4 Oscar; his three grandchildren, Valerie, Owen, and newly born
5 Reece Laurence; eight of his siblings, Michael (Karla), Anita,
6 Karin (Steve) Fischer, Mary (Scott) Rogers, Camille, Madeleine
7 (Frank Mauceri), Christianne, and Julianne (Christopher)
8 Pegler; his first wife, Mary Jo Smith; and his many nieces and
9 nephews; and

10 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall will be missed by his family, many
11 friends, colleagues, and the community whom he knew and loved;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Laurence Msall and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Laurence Msall as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.