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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 John Frederick Troelstrup of Oak Park, who passed away on September 20, 2023 at the age of 84; and

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WHEREAS, John Troelstrup was born in Columbia, Missouri; he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Missouri in 1962; he then joined the U.S. Air Force, where he was a part of the Strategic Air Command and later served as a reserve until 1969; and

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WHEREAS, John Troelstrup earned his Juris Doctor from West Virginia University College of Law in 1969; he later moved to Chicago in 1977 and then to Oak Park in 1979, where he pursued a standout law career and remarkable volunteerism; and

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WHEREAS, John Troelstrup practiced law for over 40 years before retiring from his private practice, the Troelstrup Law Office, in Oak Park in the late 2010s; his legal colleagues recognized him as a fine person and true friend, and will greatly miss his wisdom, guidance, and wonderful sense of humor; and

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WHEREAS, John Troelstrup's volunteering led him to serve in multiple organizations, including the Community and

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1 Economic Development Association of Cook County Inc., the
2 Fillmore Center for Human Services, CEDA Near West, the
3 Children's Museum of Oak Park-River Forest, Pillars Community
4 Services, the Oak Park Area Arts Council, the Oak Park-River
5 Forest Gang and Drug Task Force, and the Citizen Involvement
6 Committee as chair; and

7 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup was a longtime friend and
8 volunteer of the Democratic Party of Oak Park; and

9 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup's commitment to public service
10 included serving as an elected trustee of the Village of Oak
11 Park from 1993 to 1997, where he was instrumental in the
12 passage of the State's first domestic partnership registry in
13 Oak Park in 1997; he was honored for his many successes with an
14 Outstanding Alumni Award by the Columbia Public Schools
15 Foundation in 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup was also an accomplished father,
17 taking care of his many children while maintaining his robust
18 professional life, doing both with flair, love, and joy; and

19 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup gifted his children with a
20 lifetime of memories, pastimes, irreverent turns of phrase,
21 inappropriate jokes at inopportune times, and a relentless and
22 all-encompassing love and compassion; and

1 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup always had a way with quirky and
2 lesser-known words, challenging his children to pronounce or
3 spell the words at the dinner table; his children also
4 remember his famous "up-downs," reciting the name of each
5 president on each coin before they could claim their weekly
6 allowance, and his love for Mackinac Island, Michigan and
7 their daily family walks around the island; and

8 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup was an incredible example of a
9 good community member; he picked up trash on his daily
10 miles-long walks around town, taking care of himself and the
11 Earth, opting to travel by foot over car whenever possible; he
12 also enjoyed supporting local businesses and could talk for
13 hours on any subject, and he often enjoyed doing so at one of
14 his favorite spots, George's Restaurant on Oak Park Avenue;
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16 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup was preceded in death by his
17 parents, Ann and Arch Troelstrup; his siblings, William
18 Stumper, Glenn Stumper, and Susan L. Stumper; and his son,
19 John F. Troelstrup Jr.; and

20 WHEREAS, John Troelstrup is survived by his children, Tate
21 (Katie) Troelstrup, Paige (Geoffrey) Dunmore, Holms (Conan
22 Calhoun) Troelstrup, Roo Troelstrup, Sam Troelstrup, Toper

1 (Danielle) Troelstrup, Tilly Troelstrup, and Gunny (Hayley
2 Kassel) Troelstrup; his former spouse, Sandy Lowry; and 11
3 grandchildren; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 John Frederick Troelstrup and extend our sincere condolences
7 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of John Troelstrup as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.