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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 Robert Francis Bernard of Burr Ridge, who passed away on February 2, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Francis Bernard was born in Chicago on May 23, 1961; he was the co-founder of Whittman-Hart in 1984, his information technology consulting firm named after characters in the movie "The Paper Chase"; he was KPMG's High Tech Entrepreneur of the Year in 1992, Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997, and Crain's Chicago Business Executive of the Year in 1999; he was serving as CEO of Whittman-Hart, a successor company, with offices in nine U.S. cities at the time of his passing; and

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WHEREAS, He supported Children's Memorial Hospital, and Marklund Foundation; he was a director of APAC Corporation; he was involved in the Hinsdale/Burr Ridge community, serving as a coach for his children's soccer program, T-ball and basketball teams, and participating with his daughter in Indian Princesses; he was an active member of the Clarendon Hills Community Presbyterian Church; and

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WHEREAS, In 2000 he allowed his corporate jet to be used to transport a cardiac surgeon enroute to harvest a heart for a

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1 transplant; the heart was harvested, transplanted, and the  
2 child's life was saved; and

3 WHEREAS, His passions included Chicago sports, especially  
4 the beloved Chicago Cubs; he was an avid golfer and member of  
5 Edgewood Valley Country Club; and he was a participant in the  
6 Chicago Marathon; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Francis Bernard is survived by his wife,  
8 Elisa Fryer Bernard; his children, Kendal Elisabeth and Bryce  
9 Robert; his parents, Sandra and Charles Homola; his sister,  
10 Robin (Bill) Lewis; his grandmother, Mildred Toberman; his  
11 aunt, Sharon Toberman; his niece, Brittany Lewis; and his  
12 nephews, Billy and Bradley Lewis and Nolan Thomas Fryer;  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Francis Bernard;  
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Robert Francis Bernard as a symbol  
20 of our sympathy.