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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of James Tyree; and

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WHEREAS, James Tyree grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of
5 Chicago; he earned his bachelor's degree and his Master of
6 Business Administration degree from Illinois State University;
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WHEREAS, James Tyree began his career at Mesirow, an
9 employee-owned, diversified financial services company, in
10 1980; he subsequently became the company's CEO and chairman and
11 helped build the private company into a \$51 billion-asset firm
12 with more than 1,200 employees in offices nationwide and in
13 London; and

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WHEREAS, James Tyree led an investment group that bought
15 the Chicago Sun-Times for \$26 million when the newspaper was
16 floundering in bankruptcy court in 2009; and

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WHEREAS, James Tyree had served on more than 50 civic and
18 corporate boards, including the board of PrivateBancorp Inc.;
19 he was active in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the
20 Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, the Executives' Club of
21 Chicago, the Illinois State University Foundation, the

1 Illinois Institute of Technology, and the University of Chicago
2 Hospitals; he also served as board chairman of the City
3 Colleges system for 10 years; and

4 WHEREAS, James Tyree was a lifelong fan of the Chicago
5 White Sox; and

6 WHEREAS, James Tyree is survived by his wife, Eve, and his
7 children, Jessica, Matthew, and Joseph; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of James Tyree; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of James Tyree as an expression of our
14 sympathy.