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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 Leo J. "Bear" Sullivan III of Gurnee, who passed away on October 23, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on August 16, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri; he graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1952, and recently attended his graduating class's 50th reunion; while attending St. Louis University, he clerked for two separate Police Magistrates in East St. Louis; he graduated from St. Louis University Law School in 1958 with a J.D. degree and was admitted to the Illinois and Missouri Bars the same year; the same year he joined the United States Navy and was commissioned in 1959 after completing OCS in Newport, Rhode Island; and

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WHEREAS, His first assignment as a Legal Officer was to the USNS Kodiak, Alaska where he served as the legal officer to that command and others; in September of 1960 he was transferred to the Administrative Command at Great Lakes, where he was in charge of the Courts Martial Unit and later acted as the Appellate Review Officer; in late 1960 he worked part time, nights, and weekends, for Snyder, Clarke, Dalziel, Holmquist and Johnson in Waukegan; upon his release from active duty in March of 1962, he became a member of the firm, and in 1967 he

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1 was made a partner; and

2 WHEREAS, In November of 1962 he married Theresa "Terry" who  
3 passed away in 1999; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1968, he left the firm and started his own  
5 practice in Waukegan; it grew and was known as Sullivan, Smith,  
6 Hauser & Noonan Ltd; he became "of counsel" to the firm in  
7 2001; during his practice he tried and argued cases at all  
8 levels of the Illinois Court system as well as in federal court  
9 and had the privilege of arguing a case before the U. S.  
10 Supreme Court; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1984 and 1985, he was the President of the Lake  
12 County Bar Association; he served 2 terms as a member of the  
13 Assembly of the Illinois State Bar Association; he was a past  
14 Chairman of the Board of the ISBA Mutual Insurance Company, a  
15 leading malpractice insurer of Illinois lawyers founded by the  
16 Illinois State Bar Association, and co-chairman of the Claims  
17 Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, He lived with his wife Marilynn in Gurnee, where  
19 he had been a resident for over 45 years; when time permitted  
20 they spent time at their home near Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; they  
21 enjoyed traveling and cruising when not spending time with the  
22 family; he was proud to have been a founding member and the

1 president of the first Montessori School in Waukegan, the  
2 president of the Immaculate Conception Parish Men's club, past  
3 president and board member of the Abbey Springs Yacht Club of  
4 Fontana, Wisconsin, and other community endeavors; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his mother and father,  
6 Marie and Leo (Bud) Sullivan; as well as his brothers, Richard,  
7 Carl, Leo, and Harry; and

8 WHEREAS, He will be truly missed by his wife, Marilyn; his  
9 sons, Leo IV, Mike, Terrence, Sean, and Kevin; his  
10 daughter-in-law, Lisa; his granddaughter, Britney; and his  
11 full-time caretaker, Carlos; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 his family and friends, the passing of Leo Sullivan; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Leo Sullivan as a symbol of our  
18 sincere sympathy.