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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 Philip Harnett Corboy, who passed away on June 12, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was the brother, son, grandson, and nephew of Chicago police officers; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was a proud graduate of St. Margaret Mary Grade School and St. George High School; he subsequently attended 4 colleges and in 1949 graduated first in his class from the Loyola University Chicago School of Law; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was renowned as a pioneer in personal injury law and was affectionately known as "The Dean"; as the Senior Partner and Founder of Corboy & Demetrio, P.C., he devoted his career to representing the rights of the injured and their families with integrity, diligence, and respect for the rule of law for over 60 years; during his career, he won many big awards from large corporations and was instrumental in ushering in the tamper-proof lids that drug companies put on bottles of pain reliever; and

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WHEREAS, Philip Corboy served as president of the Chicago Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; he

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1 was a former chairman of the Section of Litigation of the
2 American Bar Association and a former chair of the American Bar
3 Association's Special Committee on Medical Professional
4 Liability; he was a member of the American Association for
5 Justice, the Inner Circle of Advocates, the International
6 Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American College of Trial
7 Lawyers, and the Center for Disability and Elder Law; he also
8 served as general counsel for the Illinois Democratic Party and
9 served on the boards of directors of numerous business, legal,
10 and charitable groups and many medical and legal task forces;
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12 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was well known in his community for
13 his great commitment to charity work; he served as a leader of
14 the Catholic Archdiocese 'Big Shoulders' fund for many years;
15 the Philip H. Corboy Law Center building was dedicated to him
16 at the Loyola University School of Law, where he and his wife
17 made the largest single gift in the school's history, and a
18 room was named for him at the Chicago Bar Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was listed by the National Law
20 Journal as one of the top 100 most influential lawyers in the
21 country since 1985, when the survey began, and was one of only
22 13 lawyers nationwide to hold that distinction; he was listed
23 in "The Best Lawyers in America" since its inception in 1987;
24 he was also the recipient of the 1996 Big Shoulders

1 Humanitarian Award for his commitment to a fund for inner-city
2 Catholic schools; and

3 WHEREAS, Philip Corboy was the dearly beloved husband of
4 Mary A. Dempsey; the loving father of Philip Harnett, Jr.
5 (Margaret), Dr. John (Alix), Thomas (Shanti), the late Joan
6 (James Epstein), and the late Bobby Corboy; the adored
7 grandfather of Matt and Nora Epstein, Lauren, Bobby, David,
8 Kevin, Juliette, and Ryan Corboy; the loving brother of Daniel,
9 ret. CPD (Nancy) Corboy and the late Marge (the late Lawrence)
10 Kotin; the fondest brother-in-law of Sheila (John) Ryden,
11 William (Rose) Dempsey, Dr. Robert (Diane) Dempsey, and Mark
12 Dempsey; the dear uncle of Dan (Jean) Kotin, Karen Corboy, Dr.
13 Daniel (Dr. Jackie) Corboy, Kara, Conor, Emily, and Genevieve
14 Dempsey, and Jack, Michael, and Mark Ryden; and the devoted son
15 of the late Harold and the late Marie Corboy; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family and friends, the passing of Philip Harnett Corboy;
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Philip Corboy as an expression of
22 our sympathy.