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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 Kieran J. Phelan Jr. of Oak Park, who passed away on August 4, 2017, at the age of 82; and

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WHEREAS, Kieran Phelan, affectionately known as "K.J.", was born in Oak Park to Kieran and Loretta (McMonigle) Phelan on March 7, 1935 and was a lifelong resident of Oak Park and River Forest; he attended St. Giles Grade School and graduated from Fenwick High School in 1953; he graduated from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana in 1957, where he returned for reunions and which always held a special place in his heart; and

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WHEREAS, Kieran Phelan served honorably as a lieutenant in the United States Navy on the U.S.S. Valcour; he continued working for the government with the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C., a testament to both his civic pride and his broad skill set; and

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WHEREAS, Kieran Phelan returned to Oak Park and took over the family business, the Reliable Credit Company, of which he later became the owner; and

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WHEREAS, Kieran Phelan retired after a rich and colorful

1 career life in private and government employment, and enjoyed  
2 spending his time with his lifelong love, Mary Catherine Phelan  
3 and their children and grandchildren, as well as friends who  
4 saw "K.J." to be a man with a sharp wit and a broad heart with a  
5 passionate zeal for life; and

6 WHEREAS, Kieran Phelan was preceded in passing by his  
7 parents and his brother, Robert McCarthy; and

8 WHEREAS, Kieran Phelan is survived by his wife, Mary  
9 Catherine Phelan; his children, Kieran III (Jacqueline), John  
10 (Amy), Martin (Leann), Daniel (Beth), and Molly (John) Griffin;  
11 his grandchildren, John, Anne, Kieran IV, Samantha, Katie, Ben,  
12 Molly, Joseph, George, Jack, Sarah, Jimmy, Daniel, Michael,  
13 Lizzie, and Hannah; and the many family members and friends he  
14 touched throughout his long and full life; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Kieran J. Phelan Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Kieran Phelan as an expression of  
22 our deepest sympathy.