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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Thomas Lawrence "Larry" Phalin of Cary, 4 who passed away on October 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Larry Phalin was born to Thomas and Ellen (Spencer) Phalin on June 4, 1928; he was a descendant of the first landowners in McHenry County and the first child in his family to be born in Woodstock Hospital instead of on one of the two family farms; he was a veteran of the United States Army and served overseas in Korea as a Sherman Tank Driver; he graduated from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Larry Phalin was an engineer and eventually became a Research Fellow for The American Can Company, where he created a number of consumer food container packaging patents, many of which are still in use today; and

WHEREAS, Larry Phalin was the first President and current President Emeritus for the Cary Park District; he and his wife, Pat, were instrumental in forming the District in 1971; as a result of their team efforts, there are currently 52 parks and approximately 846 acres of trail and open spaces in Cary today; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Larry Phalin had many interests; he was an ardent 2 participant in the McHenry County Genealogical Society and the 3 McHenry Area Historical Society; he perfected his speaking talents through his participation in Toastmasters; he loved to 4 5 travel and took particular interest in discussions with locals; he often shared his travel experiences with his local 6 7 Storytellers Group; he was an avid collector of coins and 8 stamps; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Larry Phalin was preceded in death by his parents; 10 and his brothers, Bill and Jack Phalin; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Larry Phalin is survived by his wife of 66 years, 12 Patricia Joan Phalin; his children, Teresa (Joe) Rudnik, Paul (Lisa) Phalin, David (Kathleen) Phalin, and James (Marianne) 13 14 Phalin; his grandchildren, Matt Mena, Shanna 15 Hollandsworth, Ralph Garner, Daniel Phalin, Brett (Molly) Phalin, Aidan 16 Phalin, Aaron and Phalin: his 17 great-grandchildren, Isla and Emme Hollandsworth; his sister, Patricia McDaniel; and his brother, Don (Arline) Phalin; 18 19 therefore, be it
- 20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
 21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
 22 Thomas Lawrence "Larry" Phalin and extend our sincere
 23 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved

- 1 him; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 3 presented to the family of Larry Phalin as an expression of our
- 4 deepest sympathy.