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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 The Honorable Charles Patrick "Charlie" Connor of Joliet, who passed away on February 10, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Connor was born in Joliet to John F. and Anna Marie (McCauley) Connor on December 14, 1928; he graduated from St. Patrick's School and Joliet Catholic High School; he then studied engineering at Marquette University and earned his law degree at the University of Chicago; he served in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Connor practiced law at Grey, Thomas, Wallace & O'Brien before taking the bench in 1965; he became Chief Judge of the Twelfth Circuit in 1982; after leaving the bench in 1986, he was elected mayor of Joliet, a position he held from 1987 until 1991; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Connor participated in many local groups, including the Joliet Area Historical Society; he was a founding member of the Will County Irish American Society; many people recognized him from his jogging days, when he ran all around Joliet; he was known for his depth of compassion, his zest for life, the strength of his integrity, and the force of his intellect; he was a loving and loyal husband and father and a

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1 stalwart friend; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Connor was preceded in death by his parents
3 and his son, Matthew Connor; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Connor is survived by his wife of 50 years,
5 Alice Connor; his children, Tracy (Ron Golec) Connor, Darcy
6 (Richard) Martin, Ted (Michelle Snow) Connor, and Illinois
7 State Representative John (Julie) Connor; his grandchildren,
8 Rocky, Connor, and Alec Martin and Colin, Jack, and Charlie
9 Connor; and his sister, Margaret "Martha" (Jack) Peifer;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 The Honorable Charles Patrick "Charlie" Connor and extend our
14 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
15 and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Charles Connor as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.