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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 Harrison Irwin Steans, who passed away on February 26, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Steans was born in Chicago on July 3, 1935; in high school, he was a State Latin Champion, and he partnered with his father in bridge tournaments around the region, often winning despite being the youngest to compete; he graduated cum laude from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1957; within weeks of his graduation, he married Lois M. Morrison and joined the United States Navy, having attended college on an NROTC scholarship; he was stationed in Pearl Harbor and resigned his commission as a Lieutenant; and

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WHEREAS, Harrison Steans worked as an assistant to Tom Watson at IBM; in 1967, he left IBM to form the first single-bank holding company in Illinois and purchased the Hyde Park Bank & Trust; during his tenure as Chairman, the organization grew from a single \$40 million bank to a six-bank holding company with assets exceeding 1.8 billion; from 1973 until 1978, he served as Chairman of LaSalle National Bank, where he handled the bank's sale to ABN; in 1994, along with his daughter Jennifer, he formed Financial Investments

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1 Corporation (FIC); and

2 WHEREAS, Harrison Steans believed in giving back; he served
3 on many non-profit boards, including the Civic Committee of the
4 Commercial Club, the Chicago Humanities Festival, the Chicago
5 Botanic Garden, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund; he also
6 served as a Life Trustee of DePaul University, Highland Park
7 Hospital, and the Ravinia Festival; he took particular pride in
8 being the only male named to the Ravinia Women's Board; in
9 1998, he started the Steans Family Foundation with his wife and
10 daughters; for nearly 30 years, the foundation has worked hand
11 in hand with the North Lawndale community to promote stronger
12 education, employment, health, and safety for residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Harrison Steans was awarded an honorary doctorate
14 by DePaul University and the Order of Lincoln, the State's
15 highest award; he enjoyed tennis, games, and clever word play;
16 he will be remembered for his entrepreneurial spirit, business
17 acumen, booming laugh, unfailing sense of humor, keen
18 intellect, and his caring interest in all around him; and

19 WHEREAS, Harrison Steans is survived by his wife of 61
20 years, Lois; his daughters, Jennifer (Jim Kastenholz),
21 Illinois State Senator Heather Steans (Leo Smith), and Robin
22 (Leonard Gail); his grandchildren, Ryan, Sam, Abby, Jessica,
23 Leah, Sydney, and Nick; his sister, Adeline Morrison; and his

1 many nieces, grandnephews, and grandnieces; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Harrison Irwin Steans and extend our sincere condolences to his
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Harrison Steans as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.