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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 Thomas E. Johnson, who passed away on April 13, 2020 at the age of 69; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson earned a bachelor's degree from American University and a law degree from Harvard Law School; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson met his wife, Leslie Ann Jones, in 1975; they met while working together at the Legal Assistance Foundation, where they provided free legal services for impoverished people; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson left the Legal Assistance Foundation to start his own firm, which is now called Johnson, Jones, Snelling, Gilbert & Davis; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson had a commitment to social justice and helping disadvantaged people on both a personal as well as a professional level; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson worked throughout his career to establish affordable housing in Chicago and to reform the city's voter registration and electoral system; and

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1 WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson represented numerous elected
2 officials, which included serving as campaign lawyer for Mayor
3 Harold Washington and U.S. Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia; and

4 WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson served as a hearing officer for the
5 Chicago Police Board, where he presided over many high profile
6 police misconduct cases; and

7 WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson represented many people within the
8 labor movement and secured restitution for many coal miners who
9 suffered from black lung disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson was deeply committed to his faith,
11 and his dedication to helping others was rooted in that faith;
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13 WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson was passionate about finding
14 secure, loving homes for children in need; he coached dozens of
15 Oak Park children in T-ball and welcomed numerous foster
16 children into his home; and

17 WHEREAS, Thomas Johnson is survived by his three sons, Ben
18 Johnson, Charlie Johnson, and Jake Johnson; and his godson,
19 Chris Hampton; therefore, be it

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

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Thomas E. Johnson as an expression
8 of our deepest sympathy.