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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 Douglas James "Doug" Wyman of Oak Park, who passed away on February 24, 2023 at the age of 95; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Wyman was born to Frank and Kathleen Wyman in Detroit, Michigan on January 9, 1928; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Wyman and his wife, Barbara, moved their family to Oak Park and Ascension Parish 58 years ago; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Wyman had a professional career as a printing salesman, during which he started his own consulting firm, Sales Directors; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Wyman became known as a sales guru in the printing industry, conducting seminars throughout the country; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Wyman co-wrote multiple books on how to train successful salespeople and was known for his tag line - There is no such thing as a cold call, rather, warm people who need your help; and

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1 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman served as a lector and eucharistic
2 minister at Ascension Parish in Oak Park and was a celebrated
3 participant in the parish theatrical productions; and

4 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman was among the founders of a faith
5 community called Extending the Word, which brought him some of
6 the closest friendships of his life and where he assumed the
7 role of spiritual elder; and

8 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman and his wife, Barbara, lived for 38
9 years on what he called the best block in Oak Park, 1000 South
10 Scoville, with the most loving and supportive neighbors; and

11 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman was a tireless social justice
12 advocate, as an early volunteer with PADS, now known as
13 Housing Forward, an organization dedicated to helping end
14 homelessness; he was a member of Ascension's Peace and Justice
15 Committee, had a passion to end gun violence, and also was a
16 champion fundraiser for the annual Crop Walk to end hunger
17 worldwide; and

18 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman became well known in local political
19 circles through his work with the Village Manager Association,
20 from 1968 to 2018, which was tasked with choosing good
21 candidates to run for Oak Park village government; and

1 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman's varied connections and relationships
2 led to him becoming a radio personality as co-host of the Doris
3 Davenport Show, also known as All Things Local; and

4 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman's legacy will include the ability to
5 find fun in every situation, persistence, service, good
6 citizenship, eternal optimism, and the ability to encourage
7 and inspire others; and

8 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman's romantic devotion to his wife,
9 Barbara, was manifested when he served as her caregiver during
10 the many years she suffered with Alzheimer's disease before
11 she passed away after 69 years of marriage; and

12 WHEREAS, Doug Wyman was the father of David (Danita),
13 Larry (the late Laura), Mark (Sylvia Nieves), Jim (Joy), Mary
14 (Bruce Corson), Ann (Dale Amtower), Joe (Katy), John (Allyn),
15 and Gerald (Krista) Wyman; the grandfather of Melissa, Alisha,
16 Amanda, Chris, Dylan, Nick, Samantha, Daniel, Kathleen, Mila,
17 Tesla, Terry, Sophie, and Paul; the great-grandfather of 15;
18 the brother of the late Desmond (Josephine), Peggy Wyman, and
19 Jane (Douglas Kirkland); and the adopted father of many
20 cousins and friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Douglas James "Doug" Wyman and extend our sincere condolences
2 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Doug Wyman as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.