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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 John Karnezis, who passed away on October 24, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, John Karnezis was born on July 23, 1966; his parents were the Hon. Themis Karnezis and Charlotte Dolan Karnezis; he married Dena Turnquist in November of 2005; and

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WHEREAS, John Karnezis attended Christ the King Elementary School and Marist High School; he subsequently attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and an employee of C.O. Daniel's, a popular college bar; after graduating in 1988, he earned his law degree from Loyola Law School; and

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WHEREAS, John Karnezis began his legal career with the Cook County State's Attorney, where he worked from 1991 until 2000; he then worked for the next 9 years in private practice as a litigator with Clifford Law Offices, advancing from associate to partner during that time; in 2009, Karnezis founded the law firm of Pullano and Karnezis with former assistant state's attorney Richard Pullano; and

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WHEREAS, John Karnezis helped create the Law Alumni

1 Associates Board of Marist High School and was an adjunct
2 professor for trial advocacy at John Marshall Law School in
3 Chicago; he was also a member of the Chicago Bar Association,
4 the American Bar Association, the Illinois Trial Lawyers
5 Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the
6 American Trial Lawyers Association; and

7 WHEREAS, John Karnezis was named as one of the top 40
8 attorneys under 40 by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin and an
9 Illinois "super lawyer" every year from 2005 to 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, John Karnezis was preceded in death by his mother,
11 Charlotte, and his sons, Theodore and Marshall; and

12 WHEREAS, John Karnezis is survived by his wife, Dena; his
13 sons, John and Michael; his parents, the Hon. Themis and
14 Melodie; his sisters, Melodie (David) Merrick, Sherrie (David)
15 Lloyd, Doran (Thomas) Sweeney, Carie (Daniel) Frigo, and
16 Tristan (Kevin) Angus; his brothers, Michael (Elizabeth) and
17 Timothy (Grace); and his 18 nieces and nephews; and

18 WHEREAS, John Karnezis will be remembered fondly by all who
19 knew and loved him for his outgoing personality, his infectious
20 laugh, and his kindness to all; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
2 his family and friends, the passing of John Karnezis; and be it
3 further

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