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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 D. Nyhan of Lisle, who passed away on November 7, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Nyhan graduated from the Loyola University Chicago School of Law in 1958 and joined the Chicago law firm of Pope, Ballard, Shepard & Fowle, Ltd., where he became one of the premier workers' compensation defense attorneys in the State; during his 35-year career with Pope, Ballard, Shepard & Fowle, he became senior partner and created a formidable group of workers' compensation attorneys; and

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WHEREAS, In 1992, Thomas Nyhan went on to become a founding shareholder of Nyhan, Pfister, Bambrick & Kinzie, P.C.; he retired in 1994 but continued to consult with members of the firm on important issues over the years; with his guidance, Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry has grown from a 9-attorney workers' compensation defense firm to a premier full-service defense firm handling multi-state civil litigation and Medicare Secondary Payer compliance service in addition to workers' compensation defense and employment; and

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WHEREAS, Thomas Nyhan served for many years as the workers' compensation counsel to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce,

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1 providing his expertise and guidance on the law in negotiations  
2 and representation of employers in a professional and effective  
3 manner; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1982, Thomas Nyhan and his late wife, Donna,  
5 created a case precedent resource called Q-Dex for the Illinois  
6 workers' compensation community and, until recently, Thomas  
7 Nyhan remained active in Q-Dex, which is now presided over by  
8 his daughter, Suzanne; and

9 WHEREAS, Thomas Nyhan was very proud of the fact that he  
10 had read every workers' compensation decision of the  
11 Commission, the appellate courts, and the supreme courts for  
12 over 50 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas Nyhan was active in numerous professional  
14 organizations, serving on the Attorney Registration and  
15 Disciplinary Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court, as  
16 Executive Secretary of the Illinois Self-Insurers Association,  
17 and as an Officer and Director of the National Council of  
18 Self-Insurers; he also was a Fellow of the American Bar  
19 Association and a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of  
20 America, the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar  
21 Association, and the International Association of Industrial  
22 Accident Boards and Commissions; and

1           WHEREAS, Thomas Nyhan is survived by his wife, Joan Nyhan;  
2 his children, Thomas C. Nyhan, Esq., Larry J. Nyhan, Esq.,  
3 Dennis J. Nyhan, and Suzanne M. Nyhan, Esq.; his  
4 daughters-in-law, Beth Nyhan, Esq., Yukiko Nyhan, and Melanie  
5 Murphy; his grandchildren, Lauren Nyhan Macklis, Jason  
6 Macklis, M.D., Daniel and Lisa Nyhan, and Brendan, Dylan,  
7 Nicole, Patrick, Megan, Katherine, and Kara Nyhan; his  
8 great-granddaughter, Emily Macklis; and his step-children,  
9 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

10           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Thomas D. Nyhan, and we extend our sincere condolences to his  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Thomas Nyhan as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.