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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 Brian Joseph Meginnes of Peoria, who passed away on June 6, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes was born on April 17, 1953; he spent his childhood in Roanoke, where he enjoyed the outdoors and became an Eagle Scout; he graduated from Roanoke Benson High School in 1971; he worked summers at Roanoke Concrete to pay for college; he attended the University of Notre Dame, during which he studied in Innsbruck, Austria for a year; he graduated magna cum laude from the University of Illinois School of Law in 1978, where he earned membership in the Order of the Coif; and

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WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes had a distinguished legal career, co-founding the law firm Elias, Meginnes & Seghetti in 1996; he counseled hundreds of clients on corporate and environmental law over the years while supported by his assistant of 42 years, Vicki Parr; his mentorship and dedication caused many of his client relationships to evolve into friendships, and he felt great devotion to the Coulter Family for his career-long work for Peoria Disposal Company and GFL; he continued to serve clients throughout his cancer journey; and

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1           WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes complemented his professional work  
2 with passionate service to his community; he served on the  
3 Dunlap Community Unit School District #323 Board of Education  
4 for 16 years, spending half of his tenure as president; he also  
5 served on the boards of the W.D. Boyce Council, the Central  
6 Illinois Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Peoria  
7 Building Commission, Business PAC of Central Illinois, and  
8 Peoria Promise, an organization he helped create and found in  
9 2007; he remained a champion of scouting, receiving the Boy  
10 Scouts' Silver Beaver Award and the National Eagle Scout  
11 Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for his efforts; and

12           WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes and his wife, Jane, built a life  
13 full of love and concern for others, highlighted by their love  
14 of travel, family games of Liverpool rummy, and many holiday  
15 celebrations; together, they honored their shared heritage by  
16 managing family farms in the area for many years, befriending  
17 and partnering with local farmers; and

18           WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes loved reading from an early age;  
19 he often read three books at a time, and he built a home  
20 library that contained many historical collections and classic  
21 fiction; and

22           WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes was a devoted husband and father,

1 paving the way for his children's successes with his advice  
2 and support; he will be remembered for his faith, courage,  
3 wise counsel, commitment to community service, strong work  
4 ethic, and conviction in the importance of education and  
5 citizenship; and

6 WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes was preceded in death by his  
7 parents, Charlie and Lil, and his brother, Mike; and

8 WHEREAS, Brian Meginnes is survived by his wife of 49  
9 years, Mary Jane; his children, Maria (Jason) Maras, Laura  
10 Meginnes, and Joe (Amy) Meginnes; six grandchildren; and his  
11 brother, Tim (Judy) Meginnes; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Brian Joseph Meginnes and extend our sincere condolences to  
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Brian Meginnes as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.