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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 Patrick Cassidy "Pat" Finn, who passed away on December 22, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Finn, the son of Leo and Betty, was born in Wilmette on July 31, 1965; he graduated from Marquette University; he married Donna Crowley; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Finn studied and performed at Second City in Chicago, and he toured with the Second City Touring Company; after moving to Los Angeles, he became a founding member of the renowned iO West improv troupe, Beer Shark Mice; he also served as an adjunct professor and taught Improv for Strategic Communication at the University of Colorado, where he coached, befriended, and mentored countless students throughout the years; and

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WHEREAS, Pat Finn's first big television role was as George Wendt's brother on The George Wendt Show; he had recurring roles on Murphy Brown, 3rd Rock from the Sun, Ed, and My Boys; he became known for his roles as Joe Mayo on Seinfeld and Dr. Roger on Friends, and he played the character Bill Norwood on the ABC sitcom The Middle from 2010 to 2018; he also served as the spokesperson and on-air personality known as

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1 "Toyota Pat" for Toyota of Arizona; and

2 WHEREAS, Pat Finn was an avid Chicago Bears fan; he was
3 knowledgeable on many subjects, including having memorized all
4 the state capitols and every college football mascot; and

5 WHEREAS, Pat Finn was a positive, loving, and humorous
6 person who never met a stranger; he will be remembered as a
7 prolific character actor and comedian, a dear friend, and a
8 role model to many; and

9 WHEREAS, Patrick Finn is survived by his wife, Donna; his
10 children, Cassidy, Caitlin, and Ryan; his parents; his
11 siblings, Michelle (Henry), Tracy (Judy), Tom (Debbie), Kevin
12 (Francie), and Katie (Matt); his siblings-in-law, Danny
13 (Rebecca), Debbie (Mark), and Dianne (Mark); his many nieces
14 and nephews; his improv family; and his dogs, Addison, Murphy,
15 and Wally; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Patrick Cassidy "Pat" Finn and extend our sincere condolences
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Pat Finn as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.