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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Robert "Bob" Deignan, a long-time resident of Glen Ellyn, who passed away on October 16, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Deignan played many roles in life; he was an Eagle Scout, a local sports enthusiast, a Significant Sig, a teacher, an attorney, and a family man; of all these, he loved the role of father most of all and especially enjoyed problem solving with his children and grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Deignan practiced law at Baker and McKenzie in Chicago where his passion for the law and his strong work ethic led to a successful 53-year career; among his most rewarding projects was the pro bono work he did serving underprivileged students at the McCutcheon School in Chicago; his core belief was that large law firms should lead by example on pro bono work, support for legal aid, and access to justice; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Deignan was instrumental in the creation and development of the Chicago Bar Foundation Law Firm Leadership Circle and served as its inaugural chair; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Deignan received many accolades over the
2 years including the prestigious Chicago Bar
3 Association/Chicago Bar Foundation Edward J. Lewis II Pro Bono
4 Service Award in 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Deignan will be remembered for his devotion
6 to family, his faith, his generosity, his irrepressible
7 enthusiasm for simple pleasures, his love of travel and a
8 certain twinkle in his eye; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Deignan is survived by his loving wife of 59
10 years, Ann; his children, Amy (Paul) Manganelli, Julie
11 Deignan, Jane (Matt) Sobolewski, and John (Anna) Deignan; and
12 his grandchildren, Caitlin, Michael, Robert, Leo, Jack,
13 Beatrice, and Danny; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Robert "Bob" Deignan and extend our
17 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Bob Deignan as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.