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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 J. "Tom" Mikulecky of Peoria, who passed away on September 26, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Mikulecky was born to Dr. Elston J. Mikulecky, D.D.S. and Doris Alberta Charleston Mikulecky in Minneapolis, Minnesota on November 8, 1938; he attended Glencoe Public Schools in Minnesota, where he played baritone; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science/International Relations from the University of Minnesota in 1960, where he was a member of the marching band; he received his master's degree in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Harvard and Tufts Universities in 1961; he served in the U.S. military from 1962 to 1964, where he was deployed as first lieutenant to Okinawa, Japan; he completed his doctorate in Political Science/Public Administration at the University of Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Mikulecky taught as a full-time adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University; he later taught at Illinois Wesleyan University, Illinois State University, and Heartland Community College in Bloomington; he noted his greatest enjoyment in teaching was when his students brought

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1 current public issues to class for discussion and integration
2 into the current curriculum topic; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Mikulecky worked on developing grants to
4 supplement the City of Tucson's capital improvements program
5 as his first administrative job; he then served as assistant
6 to the city manager for intergovernmental services of the City
7 of Dallas, Texas; after a teaching stint at Southern Methodist
8 University, he returned to management as county manager of
9 Summit County, Colorado; he then served as city manager of
10 Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Peoria, Illinois; before retiring,
11 he performed municipal management consulting services for a
12 variety of cities and organizations, including as acting
13 administrator of Pekin, city administrator of Farmer City,
14 city manager of Streator, city administrator of Braidwood, and
15 city administrator of Carpentersville; and

16 WHEREAS, Tom Mikulecky was deeply committed to his faith,
17 and he participated in the Newmann Center at the University of
18 Minnesota; he loved music and sang bass throughout his life,
19 culminating in several years with the men's choir of the
20 Orpheus Club of Peoria; he also enjoyed fishing, golfing,
21 dancing, and walking the beach with his wife on South Padre
22 Island, Texas; and

23 WHEREAS, Tom Mikulecky was known for his deep voice, large

1 stature, and commanding presence as a no-nonsense leader; he
2 will be remembered by his family for his family fishing trips,
3 his booming harmony in mass on Sundays, his patient yet
4 pointed encouragement, and his unconditional love; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Mikulecky is survived by his wife of 58
6 years, Patsy (Patricia Ann); his children, Joe (Dorothy)
7 Mikulecky, Chris (Dayton) Sitz, Paul (Marga) Mikulecky, and
8 Susan Boyme; his grandchildren, Carmen, Claire, Colin, Owen,
9 Ronen, and Morgan; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Thomas J. "Tom" Mikulecky and extend our sincere condolences
13 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
14 it further

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