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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 "Tom" Kane Cavanagh of Springfield, who passed away on October 17, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh was born to William Kane and Eleanor Margaret Lloyd Cavanagh in Springfield on September 20, 1955; he played on the undefeated youth baseball teams, the 1965 Tolly's Market of the Clark Griffith Little League and the 1969 Marriott's Pharmacy of the Washington Park Pony League; he was a graduate of St. Agnes Grade School, Griffin High School, where he was a member of the 1973 City Basketball Champion Griffin Cyclones, and Georgetown University; he married Diann Reed in Anna Maria, Florida in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh worked for many years for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs in the Job Training Division and the Division of Audits; he then had a 32-year career as a local elected official; he served on the Springfield Park Board, as Sangamon County Auditor, and four terms as Sangamon County Treasurer; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh served in leadership roles with the Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), the Illinois County Auditors' Association, and the Illinois County

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1 Treasurers' Association; he was appointed by Governor Ryan to
2 the Illinois Local Records Commission; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh was awarded the IAPD's Presidential
4 Award for his service as association treasurer in 1996; he was
5 a two-time Illinois County Treasurer of the Year and the 2018
6 Illinois County Official of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh was a member of the Sangamo Club,
8 the American Business Club, Knights of Columbus Council 364,
9 Elks Lodge #158, the Tara Hills Homeowners' Association, and
10 the Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Program; he was
11 active in the St. John's Breadline ministry through St. Agnes
12 Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh enjoyed sports and rooted for the
14 St. Louis Cardinals, the Chicago Bears, and the Fighting
15 Illini; he had a fondness for travel of any kind and was able
16 to enjoy many fun adventures with his wife in his later years;
17 he was very interested in geography with waterfalls being a
18 personal favorite; he had a lifelong interest in American
19 history and recorded hundreds of C-SPAN lectures, which he
20 enjoyed viewing in his spare time; he had a fondness for French
21 baguettes, Belgian beer, Irish sweaters, Italian cuisine,
22 British TV mysteries, Australian licorice, Canadian whiskey,
23 and an all too rare Cuban cigar; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh was preceded in death by his parents
2 and his brothers-in-law, Jeff Magill and Tom Witges; and

3 WHEREAS, Tom Cavanagh is survived by his wife; his son,
4 Matt (Kalena) Cavanagh; his daughter, Courtney (Alexa
5 Machulis) Cavanagh; his granddaughter, Cameron Busby Cavanagh;
6 his five sisters, Anne Magill, Mary (Tom) Corcoran, Maureen
7 (Randy) Squires, Katy (Joe) Khayyat, and Susan (Bob) Larkin;
8 his three brothers, Bill (Colleen Lucas) Cavanagh, Bob
9 (Maureen) Cavanagh, and Pat Cavanagh; his aunt, Sandy
10 Cavanagh; his sisters-in-law, Lisa Witges and Sandra Kinion;
11 and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

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

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