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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of the death of
4 A. George Hovanec of Springfield, who passed away on Sunday,
5 January 8, 2023, after a valiant battle with pancreatic
6 cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, George Hovanec graduated from Indiana University
8 of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science and from The Ohio
9 State University with a Master of Public Administration; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1978, George Hovanec began his career as
11 Deputy Director of the Illinois Bureau of Budget; he then
12 served as State Medicaid Director and as interim Director of
13 the Illinois Department of Public Aid, where he was revered as
14 an outstanding public servant; and

15 WHEREAS, Since 2005, George Hovanec had been a highly
16 respected advisor to both Children's Memorial Hospital/Ann &
17 Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and the
18 Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois; and

19 WHEREAS, Among his many noteworthy achievements, George
20 Hovanec served in a critical role as an advisor analyzing
21 Medicaid access and funding and had a direct and material

1 impact on the health and well-being of the children and
2 families in Illinois; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, George Hovanec earned the
4 respect of leading policymakers across the nation for his vast
5 experience and expertise in state and federal Medicaid policy;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, George Hovanec was a man of strong faith, a
8 devout Catholic; and

9 WHEREAS, George Hovanec loved to organize games of golf
10 and softball with friends and was an ardent fan of the
11 Pittsburgh Steelers; and

12 WHEREAS, George Hovanec's contributions as a brilliant,
13 thoughtful, hard-working, humble, humorous, generous, and
14 compassionate person will be greatly missed by all who were
15 privileged to know him; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of A. George Hovanec and extend our
19 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
20 and loved him; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of George Hovanec as an expression of
3 our appreciation for his extraordinary life and friendship and
4 as an expression of our deepest sympathy.