SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Thomas R. Fitzsimons; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzsimons was a graduate of Mount Carmel High School; he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and his Juris Doctor from Loyola University Law School in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzsimons worked as a partner at Greer, Burns, and Crain and had been with the firm since 2001; his area of expertise was intellectual property law, including patent and trademark prosecution; in recent years, he was active in anti-counterfeit enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzsimons was active in numerous local and national intellectual property associations and lectured in the United States and Asia on various topics; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzsimons will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and his wonderful sense of humor; he enjoyed spending time with his family and was devoted to his children and leaves them with incredible memories and stories to share; he was an unbelievable friend to many; and
WHEREAS, Thomas Fitzsimons was the loving husband and best friend of Maureen (nee Cahill); the devoted and loving father of Thomas Robert and Fiona Patricia; the beloved son and sunshine of their lives of Tom and Patricia (nee Kilgallon); the favorite son-in-law of Jim and Patricia Cahill; the dear friend and brother-in-law of Susan (Joe) Sullivan and Peggy (David) Donovan; the dear nephew of the late Marge (and the late Richard) Krajewski, the late James (Marie) Kilgallon, Gerry (the late Richard) Flanagan, Donald (Kathleen) Kilgallon, and Maureen (the late Wayne) Hayes; and wonderful uncle to 6 nephews and one niece; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Thomas R. Fitzsimons, and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Thomas Fitzsimons as an expression of our deepest sympathy.