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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 Lake County Circuit Judge John T. Phillips of Antioch, who passed away on January 6, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips graduated from Coe College in 1969; he then graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa School of Law in 1972; he served both active and reserve duty in the United States Air Force and, after 28 years of service, transferred to the Retired Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips began his law career at the firm of Churchill, Baumgartner and Phillips in Grayslake, where he practiced from 1979 through 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips was appointed as an associate judge in 1993; he served in that capacity until 2006, when he was elected as a full circuit judge; he served in every division of the 19th Judicial Circuit and was best known for helping to form and preside over the specialized Lake County treatment courts, which include Lake County drug court, mental health court, and veterans court; and

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WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips was a man of great integrity,

1 an innovator, and an advocate; he was a tireless public servant
2 whose compassion and leadership left a profound impact on the
3 court and the people it serves; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge John Phillips is survived by his wife,
5 Catherine; his children, David (Brandy) Baker and Matthew
6 (Maureen) Baker; his grandchildren, Cameron, Kaylee, Avery,
7 Landon, and Grayson; his siblings, Noreen (Dan) LaValle,
8 Johanna (Jim) Blockinger, and Glen Phillips; and several other
9 family members; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Lake County Circuit Judge John T. Phillips and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

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