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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of
4 Connecticut State Representative Kevin Ryan, who passed away
5 on November 23, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan, the son of Joseph P. Ryan and Hazel
7 Claire (McGuane) Ryan, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts on
8 August 1, 1952; he graduated from St. Bernard's High School;
9 he received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of
10 Science in Biology from Villanova University, a Doctorate in
11 Optometry and a certificate in Public Health from the
12 Pennsylvania College of Optometry, where he later served on
13 the Board of Trustees; he also held a Master of Arts in
14 Community Psychology from the University of New Haven; and

15 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan worked part-time at the Connecticut
16 Visual Health Center in Bridgeport early in his career while
17 also contributing to his family business, Uncas Foods, Inc; he
18 started serving as an adjunct faculty member teaching physics
19 at the University of New Haven in 1980; he later worked for
20 Mobile Medical Testing Service, now known as Exemplar Health
21 Services, until 2003; and

22 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan's commitment to public service defined

1 much of his life; he served on the Montville Board of
2 Education, including as chairman for six years and as
3 secretary for one year; he was then elected to the Connecticut
4 House of Representatives, representing the 139th legislative
5 district, in 1992, serving for 32 years; during his tenure, he
6 served as co-chairman of the Labor and Public Employees
7 Committee for eight years, and, most recently, he held the
8 role of assistant deputy speaker pro tempore of the
9 Connecticut House of Representatives; he was the consummate
10 statesman and worked tirelessly to help his constituents; and

11 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan was deeply engaged on a national level
12 with legislative and leadership organizations; he had served
13 as the president and treasurer of the National Conference of
14 Legislators from Gaming States and treasurer of the Summit of
15 Rural and Agricultural Leaders, and he was recently elected
16 national chair of the Council of State Governments; he
17 attended the Robert J. Thompson Eastern Leadership Academy and
18 was a Tolls Fellow; he also served as a member of the
19 Agriculture Task Force and on the Executive Committee
20 representing the Council of State Governments (CSG) Eastern
21 Regional Conference (ECR) with the National Council of State
22 Legislatures; and

23 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan was equally devoted to community
24 organizations; he was a member of Rotary International, the

1 Elks, and the Knights of Columbus; he served as a past chair of
2 the Montville Democratic Town Committee, as a Justice of the
3 Peace, and as president of the Board for Big Brothers/Big
4 Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut; he also contributed his
5 time to the Alliance for Living Board of Directors, the
6 Eastern Connecticut Cable TV Advisory Board, and as chair of
7 the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council; and

8 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan was preceded in death by his parents;
9 his siblings, Joseph, Richard, William, and Carol; and several
10 aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and

11 WHEREAS, Kevin Ryan is survived by his cousins, Martha
12 McGuane, Thomas McGuane, George McGuane, Mark McGuane, and
13 John McGuane; his godson, Mackenzie Caron; and many friends;
14 therefore, be it

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

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Kevin Ryan as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.