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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 Justice Thomas E. Hoffman of Chicago, who passed away on July 4, 2025 at the age of 77; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman was born in Chicago on December 23, 1947; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman graduated from Loyola University Chicago with his B.B.A. in 1969 and received his J.D. from the former John Marshall Law School, now the UIC School of Law, in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman originally began his career with the Chicago Police Department, worked as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Chicago for five years, and then entered into private practice; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman was appointed as an associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1984 and was elected as a circuit judge in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman was, additionally, assigned and then later elected to the First District Appellate Court and served on a statewide panel of five appellate judges to review

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1 matters pertaining to workers' compensation; and

2 WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman was known for his brilliant legal
3 mind, articulate writing, and love of the law, which he
4 utilized to mentor young attorneys, serve with honor, and
5 advocate for justice; and

6 WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman taught at both John Marshall and
7 DePaul University's law schools and wrote numerous articles
8 and lectured on many legal topics; he received the
9 Distinguished Alumni award from John Marshall Law School in
10 1988 and served as president of the school's alumni
11 association in 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman enjoyed collecting historical
13 memorabilia, being an enthusiast of classic cars, spending
14 time on his farm and at his summer home in Michigan, and
15 partaking in the delightful food and music of New Orleans and
16 was deeply devoted to his family; and

17 WHEREAS, Justice Hoffman is survived by his wife,
18 Margarita; his children, Thomas, Christopher, Lija, and
19 Vincent; and his grandchildren, Thomas, Michael, Brittany,
20 Bexley, and Boston; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Justice Thomas E. Hoffman and extend our sincere condolences
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Justice Hoffman as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.