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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 William S. Hanley of Brooklin, Maine, who passed away on December 8, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, William Hanley, the son of William M. and Dorothy Hanley, was born in Chicago on June 4, 1939; he graduated from St. Benedict Parish School in 1957; he received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame in 1961 and earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Chicago School of Law in 1964; he married Nancy J. Fahrnkopf at Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1970; and

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WHEREAS, William Hanley began his legal career at the Chicago law firm Kahn, Adsit, and Arnstein; he moved to Springfield and served as legislative counsel to Illinois Governor Richard B. Ogilvie from 1969 to 1972; he was an attorney with the law firm of Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen, and Cochran from 1972 to 2000; he was a Ford Foundation fellow and held a variety of other professional roles, including general counsel to the Illinois Community College Board and chairman of the Secretary of State's Advisory Council on Public Records and Privacy; and

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WHEREAS, William Hanley moved to Maine in 1994, where he

1 opened the William S. Hanley Law Office in Blue Hill; he served
2 as town counsel for Brooklin, Maine and chairman of the
3 Brooklin Planning Board; he was also a member of the
4 humanitarian organization Independent Order of Odd Fellows;
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6 WHEREAS, William Hanley and his wife, Nancy, raised their
7 sons William and Michael in Springfield in the 1970s and
8 1980s, years fondly remembered for good times, fantastic
9 neighbors, and adventures on the lake; he was a friend to many
10 in Brooklin, Maine, a community dear to his heart, where he
11 enjoyed early morning coffee at the general store and daily
12 post office conversations; and

13 WHEREAS, William Hanley is survived by his wife of 55
14 years, Nancy J. Hanley; his sons, Michael J. Hanley and
15 William M. Hanley; his granddaughters, Aleksandra Hanley and
16 Matilda Hanley; and his grandson, Cameron Hanley; therefore,
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18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 William S. Hanley and extend our sincere condolences to his
21 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of William Hanley as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.