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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 Robert "Bobby" D'Onofrio of Chicago, who passed away on January 16, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio was born to Joseph and Josephine D'Onofrio in Chicago on May 2, 1946; he remained deeply rooted in the city that shaped him, proudly carrying forward his Taylor Street upbringing and his Italian heritage; and

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WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio dedicated more than thirty years of honorable service to the City of Chicago through the Department of Streets and Sanitation, exemplifying the dignity of public service and the quiet pride of a man who worked hard for his community and his family; and

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WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio was a devoted husband to his beloved wife, Rena Friedman D'Onofrio; a loving father to his daughter, Jessica D'Onofrio Whitmire; a cherished father-in-law to Doug Whitmire; and a deeply proud grandfather to Jack and Grace Whitmire, whose lives were enriched daily by his joy, humor, and boundless love; and

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WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio's life centered around family; he was known to his daughter as Dad, to his grandchildren as

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1 Papa, and to countless friends simply as Bobby; he was a loyal  
2 friend, a storyteller, a prankster, and a man whose laughter  
3 could lift any room; and

4 WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio was a natural-born athlete and  
5 the embodiment of Chicago spirit; he was an avid Cubs, Bears,  
6 and Blackhawks fan, a dancer, a lover of music, and a man whose  
7 unmistakable whistle could be heard blocks away, calling those  
8 he loved toward him; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio was known for his distinctive  
10 style, confidence, and ability to find humor in any situation,  
11 bringing light even in difficult moments; he will be  
12 remembered by his daughter as always being the best dressed  
13 with the best swagger, a joyful soul whose jokes never grew old  
14 and whose presence will be found in music, laughter, and  
15 memory, especially when the Bee Gees play; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert D'Onofrio leaves behind a legacy of love,  
17 joy, loyalty, and laughter, and the outpouring of grief and  
18 remembrance from friends and loved ones stands as a testament  
19 to the countless lives he touched and the lifelong impressions  
20 he made; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Robert "Bobby" D'Onofrio, honor his life and service, and  
2 extend our deepest sympathy to his family and to all who loved  
3 and cherished him; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
5 presented to the family of Robert D'Onofrio as an expression  
6 of our respect, gratitude, and heartfelt condolences.