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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 Ernest "Todd" Collins II of Central Lake, Michigan, formerly of River Forest and Pinehurst, North Carolina, who passed away on May 19, 2024 at the age of 70; and

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WHEREAS, Todd Collins was born on January 4, 1954 in Chicago to Todd and Lynn (Trimmer) Collins; and

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WHEREAS, Todd Collins was raised in River Forest and attended Washington Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Oak Park and River Forest High School, where he played French horn in the marching band and competed on the wrestling team; and

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WHEREAS, Todd Collins earned his MBA in finance from DePaul University and became a successful entrepreneur; he was the president of the direct-mail marketing business Lynn Marketing Group, which he ran with his then wife, Karol; they also raised two daughters together; and

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WHEREAS, Todd Collins was an active member of many community organizations, including First United Church of Oak Park and the Junior Achievement program, with whom he volunteered to teach entrepreneurship at Bellaire Middle

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1 School; and

2 WHEREAS, Todd Collins was a proud fourth-generation summer  
3 resident of Torch Lake, Michigan, before making it his  
4 permanent residence in 2011; he was an avid sailor and golfer,  
5 sailing with the Torch Lake Yacht Club and organizing its  
6 annual golf scramble; he also enjoyed snow sports, working as  
7 a ski instructor at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin and  
8 volunteering at his daughters' ski races; and

9 WHEREAS, Todd Collins was preceded in death by his  
10 parents, Todd and Lynn Collins, and his favorite dog, Jack;  
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12 WHEREAS, Todd Collins, at the time of his passing, was  
13 survived by his daughters and grandchildren, Erica (David)  
14 Schulze and their son, Emmett, and Elisse Collins and her  
15 children, Maysen, Alden, and Finley; his sisters, Kathleen  
16 (Mike) Babb and Nancy (Mark) Saldi; and many nieces and  
17 nephew; therefore, be it

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 Ernest "Todd" Collins II and extend our sincere condolences to  
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Ernest "Todd" Collins II as an  
3 expression of our deepest sympathy.