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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 Michael Quinlan of Oak Brook, who passed away on September 22, 2025 at the age of 80; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan was born to Robert and Jan Quinlan in Oak Park on December 12, 1944; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan graduated from Fenwick High School in 1962, and he attended Loyola University Chicago on a full-tuition scholarship; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan first got a part-time job in the mail room of McDonald's Headquarters for \$2 an hour with the help of his roommate's mother, June Martino, the former secretary and bookkeeper for McDonald's founder, Ray Croc; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan, after graduating with degrees in history and psychology in 1967, accepted full-time responsibilities at McDonald's in its Purchasing Department while taking night classes at Loyola University Chicago to earn a business degree; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan was taken under the wing of Fred Turner, McDonald's then-CEO, and was placed in different areas

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1 of the company to obtain good exposure, including working at
2 one of the McDonald's restaurants, where he learned frying,
3 cleaning windows, and more; and

4 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan, known as "Q" to his colleagues,
5 became president of McDonald's at the age of 37 in 1982 before
6 succeeding Fred Turner as CEO in 1987, ultimately being named
7 chairman of the company in 1990; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan was noted for staying out of the
9 spotlight and practicing a hands-off management style while
10 growing McDonald's internationally, including opening the
11 first McDonald's in Moscow, Russia, which was then known as
12 the Soviet Union; and

13 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan, while at the helm, doubled
14 McDonald's sales from \$14.3 billion to \$32 billion, and he
15 largely expanded the number of restaurants from 9,911 to
16 22,000, all while extending the number of countries from 47 to
17 106; and

18 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan was a major benefactor to his
19 alma maters, serving as a member of Loyola University Chicago
20 Board of Trustees and later as board chair in 1999, and
21 donating \$10 million to help build the Michael R. and Marilyn
22 Quinlan Life Sciences Education and Research Center at the

1 university, \$40 million to Loyola's business school, which was
2 later renamed after him in 2012, and \$3 million to Fenwick High
3 School in 2019 to help the institution build a new parking
4 garage; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan was devoted to his career, but he
6 was also an avid golfer and loved to put his own twist on life,
7 such as sending family St. Patrick's Day cards instead of
8 Christmas cards; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan was preceded in death by his wife
10 of 54 years, Marilyn; his son, Kevin Quinlan; his parents; and
11 his siblings, Nancy (Mike) O'Brien and Bobby Quinlan; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael Quinlan is survived by his son, Michael
13 (fiancé, William Beggs) Quinlan; his grandchildren, Shane
14 (Melanie) Quinlan and Kayla (fiancé, Cameron Shaffer) Quinlan;
15 his great-grandchild, Molly; his siblings, Katie (John)
16 Churchill and Terry (Diane) Quinlan; and many nieces and
17 nephews; 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 Michael Quinlan 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 Michael Quinlan as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.