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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 Milton Chandler, who passed away on March 9, 2026; and

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WHEREAS, Milton Chandler was born in Chicago to Milton Chandler Sr. and Leaster Cooper on November 7, 1949; he attended Oakenwald Elementary School, Arthur Dixon Elementary School, and Hirsch Metropolitan High School; he married Dorothy M. Graham on August 21, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Milton Chandler spent a few years working at the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Post Office before becoming interested in the natural health sciences; he received a bachelor's degree in naprapathic science from the Chicago College of Naprapathy in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Milton Chandler became a Chicago firefighter in 1995 and was stationed at Firehouse Engine 82/Truck 42 on 91st & Cottage Grove; he spent a number of years at the Chicago Fire Prevention Bureau South until retirement and frequently volunteered and provided services for health fairs around Chicago; he and his wife participated in lobbying state legislators during a licensing effort for Illinois Colon Hydrotherapists; he was an active member of the American

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1 Naprapathic Association and the International Association of
2 Colon Hydrotherapy until his retirement; and

3 WHEREAS, Milton Chandler was affectionately known as
4 "Chan" or "Junie"; he was a protector, a devoted father, and
5 proud grandfather; he enjoyed books of all types, learning and
6 sharing, and museums and cultural events around Chicago; he
7 also enjoyed flying kites with his grandchildren, singing to
8 them, and stepping and dusties; and

9 WHEREAS, Milton Chandler was preceded in death by his
10 parents; his grandparents, Odie and Maude Cooper and Merrell
11 and Oneida Beatrice Washington Chandler; his son, Chakra P.
12 Chandler; his brother, Peter Beasley; his aunt, Ola M. Cooper;
13 and his cousins, Eugene Cooper and Gail Swanagain; and

14 WHEREAS, Milton Chandler is survived by his wife of 53
15 years, Dorothy; his children, Shana Chandler (Efe Edosomwan),
16 LaVonne (Phillip) Senanou, Richard Chandler, Milton A.
17 (Arlene) Chandler, Jonathan M. (Candice) Chandler, and Ronell
18 (Stormy) Harmon; his nephew, Saleem (Mark) Beasley; his
19 nieces, Tené Beasley and Nicole Beasley; his cousins, Rosalyn
20 Chandler McLaurin, Guido Chandler, Merrionna Chandler-Pierce,
21 Marlana Chandler, Merrill Reuben Chandler III, Merrilyn
22 Chandler, Patti Chandler, Lois Chandler, LaTanya (Anthony)
23 Clark, JoAnna Swanagain, and Sheldon Yarber; his

1 grandchildren, Malcolm Tucker, Maya Tucker, and Jaden (Shana)
2 Edosomwan, Stephanie, Alex, and Matthew (LaVonne) Senanou,
3 Cintrella, Dahnesha, Richard J., Eric, and Gabrielle (Richard)
4 Chandler, Maasai (Milton A.) Chandler, Camden, Cassidy, and
5 Carrington (Jonathan) Chandler, and Riley M. (Ronell) Harmon;
6 his great-grandchildren, Kimora (Cintrella) Chandler and Miles
7 (Eric) Chandler; and numerous extended family and close
8 friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Milton Chandler and extend our sincere condolences to his
12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Milton Chandler as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.