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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Spencer Leak Jr. of Chicago, who
4 passed away on May 31, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak began working for the historic,
6 family-owned business, Leak and Sons Funeral Homes, as a young
7 boy, dedicating his life to the family trade; he earned a
8 Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science and Funeral Service
9 from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and he became a
10 licensed funeral director in 1989; and

11 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak served as vice president of Leak and
12 Sons Funeral Homes, which has served the Chicagoland community
13 with dignity and compassion for more than 90 years; as a
14 third-generation owner, he modernized the business's
15 technology and operations while personally overseeing
16 thousands of funerals each year; and

17 WHEREAS, As a generous and community-minded leader,
18 Spencer Leak gave back in countless ways; he was an active
19 member of 100 Black Men of America, where he mentored young
20 African American males, and he served on the boards of
21 Operation PUSH and the Better Boys Foundation, which provides
22 tutoring and support for youth in need; and

1 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak was a proud member of Kappa Alpha
2 Psi Fraternity, Inc., Liberty Baptist Church, and the Illinois
3 Funeral Directors Association; he was recognized in Who's Who
4 of Black Chicago and received the Men of Excellence Award from
5 the Chicago Defender; and

6 WHEREAS, Above all, Spencer Leak was a devoted family man
7 who was the loving husband of Dr. Donna Leak and the proud
8 father of Spencer Leak III and Emma Sophia Leak; and

9 WHEREAS, Spencer Leak's passing leaves a profound void in
10 the Chicagoland community, the funeral service profession, and
11 the many lives he touched through his work, leadership, and
12 quiet generosity; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 Spencer Leak Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Spencer Leak as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.