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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 Mark E. Leipold, who passed away on October 12, 2019 at the age of 59; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Leipold was born on April 20, 1960 to Emil and Patricia Leipold and was raised in Belleville; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Leipold was a graduate of Northwestern University, Class of 1982; he then studied at the DePaul University College of Law and graduated in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Leipold worked at the Chicago law firm of Gould & Ratner LLP, where he was a longtime partner and chair of the corporate practice; he was committed to his clients and their welfare; he sought to assist all with kindness and respect, while maintaining the highest standards in the legal profession; those who worked with him saw his generous spirit, as well as his dedication to his work; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Leipold held leadership positions in many legal and business associations, including the Business Bankruptcy Committee of the American Bar Association's Business Section and the Turnaround Management Association's Chicago/Midwest Chapter; along with his colleagues, he was

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1 actively involved in Law Exchange International's global
2 network of firms; and

3 WHEREAS, Mark Leipold was an adjunct lecturer at the DePaul
4 University College of Law and at the John Marshall Law School;
5 he was able to share his deep knowledge of the law while also
6 being a mentor and an inspiration to the young students; and

7 WHEREAS, Mark Leipold had varied interests from the time he
8 was young, including cooking, travel, and music, especially
9 from the 1980s; he had a passionate love of science fiction in
10 all mediums; he was a devoted fan of Northwestern Wildcat
11 Football and loved tailgating at home games and, in recent
12 years, traveling to bowl games; and

13 WHEREAS, Mark Leipold was known for having a warm and kind
14 spirit; he influenced the lives of all he met and had the kind
15 of charisma that lit up a room when he entered; his
16 intelligence, wit, and charm were rivaled by his goodwill and
17 generosity; he had the ability to make you feel like you
18 mattered, whether through reaching out with a caring gesture or
19 a humorous quip; he strived to make people feel recognized and
20 important; and

21 WHEREAS, Mark Leipold fiercely loved his family, including
22 his pets; he leaves behind many great friends and a legacy of

1 joy; he will be remembered as a good and loving family man,
2 friend, and colleague; and

3 WHEREAS, Mark Leipold was preceded in death by his parents,
4 Emil and Patricia Leipold; and

5 WHEREAS, Mark Leipold is survived by his wife, Susan Minor;
6 his children, Anne, Peter, and Jane Leipold; his sisters,
7 Tricia Bartley (David), Lauren Leipold, and Janet Formanek
8 (Robert); his nieces, Kara, Alyson, Sarah, Katie, Chelsea,
9 Kelly, and Jackie; his nephews, John, Nick, and Jack; as well
10 as many great-nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Mark E. Leipold and extend our sincere condolences to his
14 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Mark Leipold as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.