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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 John A. Janicik, who passed away August 8, 2019 at the age of 62; and

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WHEREAS, John Janicik was born on May 2, 1957 in Belleville to Albert and Eileen Janicik; and

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WHEREAS, John Janicik attended Knox College, where he wrestled and earned his bachelor's degree; he then went to work in manufacturing; he became a travel assistant to former Illinois Governor James R. Thompson and then a legislative liaison for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and a legal clerk with the Illinois Commerce Commission; and

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WHEREAS, John Janicik was encouraged by Gov. Thompson and others to study law; he attended Loyola University Chicago and graduated with a law degree in 1986; he started his law career with the Chicago firm of Lincoln, Isham and Beale; in 1988, he joined the law firm of Mayer Brown after receiving a call from Ty Fahner, a former colleague of the Thompson administration; and

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WHEREAS, John Janicik worked in the early years of casino

1 gaming boats and represented operators and advised clients on
2 regulatory, financing, and banking issues; and

3 WHEREAS, John Janicik was a partner and attorney at Mayer
4 Brown for 30 years; he led the government and global trade
5 practice for Mayer Brown for 12 years and set the
6 industry-leading practice in regulatory, government relations,
7 and public law matters; recently, he worked with Chicago Mayor
8 Lori Lightfoot and was highly respected in his field; and

9 WHEREAS, John Janicik also provided pro bono counsel to
10 many groups, including the Illinois Medical District (IMD)
11 Guest House and the Catholic Diocese of Joliet; he served as
12 both pro bono attorney and chairman of the board of IMD Guest
13 House; he was equally active at the Catholic Diocese of Joliet,
14 serving on or chairing multiple committees; additionally, he
15 was active with the Better Business Bureau and the Notre Dame
16 Parish; and

17 WHEREAS, John Janicik was known for his quick wit,
18 generosity, wise advice, and devotion to his religion; he will
19 be remembered for his dedication to integrity and good
20 government practices; he could be found on the golf course,
21 watching Cardinals baseball, working out, or spending time with
22 his wife and children; and

1 WHEREAS, John Janicik is survived by his wife of 36 years,
2 Candie Janicik; his siblings, Thomas Janicik, Kathleen (Steve)
3 Ryan, and James (Mary Jo) Janicik; his children, Mark (Sarah)
4 Janicik, Sarah (Dave) Grady, and Rachel (Connor) Powers; and
5 his granddaughter, Ella Janicik; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
8 John A. Janicik and extend our sincere condolences to his
9 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of John Janicik as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.