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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 Robert G. "Bob" Dugal of Oak Park, who passed away on April 9, 2020 at the age of 58; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Dugal was born in Evergreen Park to William J. Dugal Jr. and Jacqueline "Jackie" Barclay Brady Dugal on June 1, 1961; he attended Holmes Elementary School; he graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School in 1979, where he was a member of the wrestling team; he earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana in 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Dugal was a lifelong and proud resident of Oak Park; he became a life member of the Democratic Party of Oak Park, served on Senator Philip Rock's election committee, assisted as a state legislative aide, conducted the ADA compliance survey of Oak Park's elementary schools, and coached girls softball and soccer; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Dugal became a champion for disabled rights and was seen as a one-man apostle for the Americans with Disabilities Act; he suffered from Friederich's Ataxia, a progressively debilitating disease that attacks the muscles and nerves, and was confined to a wheelchair in adulthood; he

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1 pioneered the curb cut programs back in the early 1990s, which  
2 resulted in Oak Park transforming intersections to accommodate  
3 the wheelchair-bound; he worked to educate the public and was  
4 always available to share his expertise; and

5 WHEREAS, Robert Dugal was involved in a number of  
6 organizations, including the Oak Park Cultural Tourism  
7 Committee, the Friederich's Ataxia Foundation, and the  
8 Progress Center of Independent Living as a founding member; he  
9 also founded and was a lifelong member of the Oak Park  
10 Committee on the Disabled; he had also co-chaired Oak Park's A  
11 Day in Our Village festival; and

12 WHEREAS, Robert Dugal was known for his good heart, caring  
13 attitude, good humor, and independent nature; he enjoyed  
14 planting flowers with his mom and helping his dad with home  
15 repairs; and

16 WHEREAS, Robert Dugal was preceded in death by his parents  
17 and his brother, Fr. Bill Dugal; and

18 WHEREAS, Robert Dugal is survived by his siblings, Jack  
19 (Karen) Dugal, James (Nancy and the late Cheryl) Dugal M.D.,  
20 Mary Ellen Dugal Dwyer, Kathleen (Robyn Guest) Dugal, and  
21 Patricia (Timothy) Klein; his nephews and nieces, Brian M.D.,  
22 Michael, Jennifer N.P., Kevin Dugal, William IV (Rebecca) Dugal

1 M.D., James II (Rebecca) Dugal, Patrick (Melissa Cahill) Dwyer,  
2 Timothy Dwyer, Kimberly Klein (Jack) Garavaglia, and Katylin  
3 Klein R.N.; his grandnephew, Tyler Dwyer; his true brother,  
4 Kelsie Hudson; his caretaker, Kathleen Kephart; and his many  
5 cousins, aunts, and uncles; 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 of  
8 Robert G. "Bob" Dugal 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 Robert Dugal as an expression of our  
13 deepest sympathy.