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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 Philip O'Hara, who passed away on October 18, 2020 at the age of 87; and

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WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on May 17, 1933; and

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WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara served in the U.S. Army in Korea for two years; and

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WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara earned a bachelor's degree from Brown University in 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara began his career with the Follett Publishing Company in Chicago, where he worked his way to the position of publishing division president; eventually, he founded his own publishing company, JP O'Hara Inc., and one of the signature publications was titled Chicago on Foot; and

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WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara returned to Brown University as the director of student activities; he founded the university's Mediation Project and retired at age 77; and

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WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara's life of service also included

1 affiliations with Chicago Youth Centers, the District 97 Board
2 of Education, and Boy Scouts Troop 16; and

3 WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara founded the Oak Park Wednesday
4 Journal; and

5 WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara was preceded in death by his parents,
6 Katherine and Russell J. O'Hara; his brother, Frank O'Hara;
7 and his daughter, Alison O'Hara Barasa; and

8 WHEREAS, Phil O'Hara is survived by his wife of 25 years,
9 Patricia; his sister, Maurine; his children, Keith (Dena),
10 Julie, and John (Amy); his stepsons, Michael and Will
11 Weatherly; his 17 grandchildren; and his four
12 great-granddaughters; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
15 John Philip O'Hara 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 Phil O'Hara as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.