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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 Wesley Arthur Wildman, who passed away on August 6, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman was born to Arthur W. Wildman and Louise Rankin-Wildman in Chicago on May 22, 1931; he was raised on the South Side of the city; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman graduated from Calumet High School; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman completed his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at the University of Chicago; he obtained a bachelor's degree in 1951, a Juris Doctor in 1953, and a master's degree in 1955; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman was a law practitioner and professor; his specialty was labor law, specifically management representation during contract negotiations and labor disputes; his clients included the Chicago Board of Education and the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools; and

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WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman was often cited in local news

1 reports concerning strikes by employees at high-profile
2 companies; the news outlets included the Chicago Tribune and
3 Chicago Business among others; and

4 WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman's legal career included a stint at
5 the Franczek Law Firm; and

6 WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman was appointed by former Illinois
7 Governor James Thompson as one of the three original members
8 of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board; and

9 WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman taught industrial relations for
10 decades at the University of Chicago Graduate School of
11 Business, now the Booth School of Business, and had a strong
12 and lasting impact on many of his students, including Booth
13 alumnus and now Senate President Don Harmon; after retirement,
14 he continued teaching as an adjunct professor of Public Policy
15 until 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, Wesley Wildman was preceded in death by his
17 parents and his brother; and

18 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Wesley Wildman was
19 survived by his wife, Andrea; his children, Kathleen (Nancy
20 Katz), Christopher (Karen), Jeanne (Chris Felknor), Ellen
21 (Mary English), Richard (partner Sara Truelsen), Anne, and

1 David (partner Laura Candre); and his grandchildren, Andrew
2 and Jordan Felknor; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
5 Wesley Arthur Wildman and extend our sincere condolences to
6 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Wesley Wildman as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.