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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 Joseph "Joe" Miller Jr. of Maywood, who passed away on March 6, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Miller was born to Joseph Miller Sr. and Anne Dorsey in Chicago on May 9, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Miller's soaring intellect enabled him to skip a grade and graduate from Crane High School in 1966 at 16 years of age; as the years went on, he kept in touch with childhood friends from Chicago's Westside; and

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WHEREAS, One such friend, author Mark Boone, sought Joe Miller's advice on a manuscript for a novel, which was later published as Reunion; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Miller married Mary Frances Hamer on August 31, 1968, and their union lasted 51 years; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Miller earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Roosevelt University; he instilled the importance of education in his children whose professional accomplishments include partner status at a law firm and serving in the position of Head of Diversity and

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1 Inclusion at Ferrara Candy; and

2 WHEREAS, Joe Miller worked at Chicago and North Western
3 Railroad for 25 years until a 1995 acquisition by Union
4 Pacific; he then turned his attention to real estate as a
5 licensed agent and appraiser; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Miller gladly lent his professional expertise
7 to family members once they decided to purchase their first
8 homes; he even taught a course in real estate appraisal at
9 Triton College in River Grove; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe Miller was a dedicated telephile and
11 cinephile; his top ten picks included Breaking Bad, Criminal
12 Minds, Empire, Game of Thrones, The Good, the Bad, and the
13 Ugly, Power, Pulp Fiction, Sanford & Son, The Witcher, and
14 Tombstone; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Miller's capacity for strategic thinking
16 enabled him to excel in games of chess and solitaire, and he
17 passed these playing skills to his children and grandchildren;
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19 WHEREAS, One of Joe Miller's favorite clothing accessories
20 was a gentleman's cap, which he sometimes color coordinated
21 with outfits; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe Miller was always open and willing to give
2 life advice to those who sought it; his answers were usually
3 prefaced by the phrase "If I were you"; his quotes were classic
4 and sometimes humorous, and he always elicited respect from
5 his audience; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Miller's favorite vacation destination was
7 Las Vegas; he visited the city almost every year after his 20th
8 wedding anniversary; and

9 WHEREAS, Joe Miller was preceded in death by his parents,
10 Joseph Sr. and Anne, and his sister, Patricia; and

11 WHEREAS, Joe Miller, who was affectionately known as Papa
12 Joe and Uncle Joe, is survived by his wife, Mary Frances; his
13 stepmother, Marian; his children, Tobi, Joseph III (Lynne),
14 and Natasha (Jamel); his sister, TaLana (Harry); his
15 grandchildren, Evan, Sebastian, Jalen, Andrew, and Shawn; and
16 his countless adoring nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Joseph "Joe" Miller Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to
21 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Joe Miller as an expression of our
4 deepest sympathy.