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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Laurence
4 J. Msall, who passed away on February 4, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was born to Emil and Lucille Msall
6 in Chicago in the winter of 1962; he graduated from St.
7 Ignatius High School in Chicago in 1980; he earned his
8 bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Sociology from Knox
9 College in Galesburg in 1984, where he was a member of the Phi
10 Delta Theta fraternity; he earned his Juris Doctor at Loyola
11 University School of Law, Evening Division, in 1992; he
12 married Nicola Hill-Cordell in 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduating from Knox College, Laurence
14 Msall moved to Springfield to work for then-Governor Jim
15 Thompson at the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs;
16 in 1990, he joined the staff of the Commercial Club of Chicago
17 as vice president, where he worked with the CEOs of some of
18 Chicago's largest corporations to promote regional economic
19 development strategies and special projects, including the
20 Chicago Bears stadium and reorganization of the United Way of
21 Chicago; in 1999, he was appointed by then-Governor George H.
22 Ryan as senior advisor for Economic Development, where he was
23 responsible for the oversight of 11 of the State's economic

1 development and infrastructure-related agencies; and

2 WHEREAS, In January 2002, Laurence Msall became president
3 of the Civic Federation, an independent, non-partisan
4 government research organization; over his 20-year tenure as
5 president, he worked tirelessly to make the organization an
6 indispensable source of reliable fiscal information and
7 government process recommendations to public officials, the
8 media, and the general public; and

9 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall belonged to several organizations,
10 including the Board of Directors of the Woods Fund of Chicago,
11 the Chicago Civic Consulting Alliance, the Cook County Health
12 Nominating Committee, and the Kennedy Forum of Illinois; he
13 served on the Knox College Board of Trustees since 2017, which
14 included serving on the 2020-21 Presidential Search Committee;
15 he also served on the Advisory Board of the University of
16 Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs and NPR
17 Illinois Issues; and

18 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was an active volunteer with PADS
19 Homeless Shelter and L'arche Chicago; and

20 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was an avid runner, fisherman,
21 world traveler, and White Sox fan; and

1 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was a doting father, a loving
2 husband, a true sibling, a generous friend and mentor, and a
3 true Chicago civic leader; and

4 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall was preceded in death by his
5 parents and his brother, Gerard Peter; and

6 WHEREAS, Laurence Msall is survived by his wife; his
7 daughters, Lucille, Camille, and Matilda; his wife's children,
8 Alex (Maria), Samantha (Michael), Tommy, Tess, and Oscar; his
9 grandchildren, Valerie, Owen, and Reece Jeffrey; his siblings,
10 Michael (Karla), Anita, Karin (Steve) Fischer, Mary (Scott)
11 Rogers, Camille, Madeleine (Frank Mauceri), Christianne, and
12 Julianne (Christopher) Pegler; his first wife, Mary Jo Smith;
13 his many nieces and nephews; and his legion of friends;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Laurence J. Msall and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Laurence Msall as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.