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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 Raymond Nihlean, who passed away on November 11, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean was born to Raymond and Colleen Nihlean in Chicago on March 3, 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean was a landlord with a heart; during the COVID-19 pandemic, he and his team connected renters with programs, including rent grants and resources for food; for one elderly tenant, he not only found her supportive senior housing and 24/7 caregivers, but he also made funeral arrangements with her pastor after her passing; and

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WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean was a philanthropist who provided resources to help other entrepreneurs flourish, including the Edgewater Uptown Builders Association (EUBA) and other community organizations; through EUBA, he personally provided and engineered state-of-the-art sound and visual equipment to help people communicate more effectively; he donated over \$35,000 to help fund Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management training program for local business owners who wanted to take their companies to the next level, and his donation led to the program receiving city funding; he also

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1 provided funding and materials for the painting of the mosaic  
2 at the gateway to the Bryn Mawr Historic District; and

3 WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean was committed to the Edgewater  
4 community and youth needs, mentoring many young people and  
5 being there for his neighbors; at local events, children and  
6 adults alike delighted in his convertible King Midget, a tiny  
7 red racing car with headlights that squirted water; for 15  
8 years, he also loved racing; he enjoyed riding his red ATV  
9 snowplow on over two miles of sidewalks and alleys after a  
10 heavy snowfall so neighbors could safely leave their homes;  
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12 WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean was known for his optimism, his  
13 contagious laugh, and his zest for life; he will be remembered  
14 for his generosity and his deeply felt joyfulness; and

15 WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean was preceded in death by his  
16 parents and his parents-in-law, Gus and June Travlos; and

17 WHEREAS, Raymond Nihlean is survived by his wife of 21  
18 years, Tina Travlos Nihlean; his sister-in-law, Elaine  
19 Travlos; his brother, Damian Nihlean; his sisters, Mary Henry  
20 and Juli Harmon; his nephews, Samuel Henry and Bentley Aiden  
21 Joyner; his nieces, Colleen and Amanda Nihlean; his cousins,  
22 Suzanne Cosgrove, Linn Nihlean, and Cathy Kubo; his many

1 family members, friends, and colleagues; and his service dog,  
2 Baby Ray; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
5 Raymond Nihlean and extend our sincere condolences to his  
6 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 Raymond Nihlean as an expression of  
10 our deepest sympathy.