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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 Douglas McBryde "Doug" Kinney of Lake Forest, who passed away on June 16, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Kinney was born to Ansel and Elinor (Woodward) Kinney on May 10, 1931; he graduated from Groton School in 1948 and Harvard College in 1952; he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War; he then graduated from Harvard Business School in 1956, where he was a Baker Scholar; and

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WHEREAS, Doug Kinney returned to Chicago to work for the family company, Intermatic, and he led the company for 53 years of its 132-year history of being family-owned; during his tenure, Intermatic prospered despite facing many market challenges; in 1974, he founded Palmer Capital Corporation, a company focused on renewable energy; he started the first landfill gas-to-electric project in the country, which has since completed over \$2.65 billion in energy financing; he also served on the board of Trek Bicycle since its founding in 1976; and

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WHEREAS, After his 70th birthday, Doug Kinney put his efforts into backing promising research into causes and

1 possible cures for progressive neurodegenerative brain  
2 diseases; with two like-minded friends, he laid the groundwork  
3 for the Brain Chemistry Labs, a not-for-profit research  
4 institute in Jackson, Wyoming, which has since discovered new  
5 treatments for ALS and Alzheimer's disease that are in  
6 clinical trials and a new drug to treat Parkinson's disease  
7 that is in preclinical development; and

8 WHEREAS, Following Florida's devastating outbreak of red  
9 tide and blue green algae in 1991, Doug Kinney created the  
10 Clean Okeechobee Waters Foundation, an organization dedicated  
11 to increasing awareness of the health risks of exposure to  
12 harmful algae blooms and calling for rigorous enforcement of  
13 environmental regulations by those responsible for protecting  
14 public health; and

15 WHEREAS, Doug Kinney also devoted time to the National  
16 Tropical Botanical Garden located in Hawaii and Florida,  
17 acting as chairman for 13 years; through his generosity and  
18 leadership, he was instrumental in establishing endowments for  
19 scientific research and the dedication of the McBryde Garden  
20 in Hawaii; he also worked to establish the Breadfruit  
21 Institute to advance the impact of breadfruit and its use to  
22 nourish the tropical world; and

23 WHEREAS, Doug Kinney was known to many as "Growlie"; and

1           WHEREAS, Doug Kinney is survived by his wife, Elizabeth  
2           (Hummel) Kinney; his children, Ansel D. Kinney, Douglas M.  
3           (Kimberly) Kinney Jr., Elisabeth S.K. Robinson, Martha K.  
4           Perry, and Hilary S. Kinney; his stepchildren, Elizabeth E.  
5           Smyth and John E. (Jenifer) Smyth; his sisters, Barbara K.  
6           (the late Cyrus B. III) Sweet and Joan K. (Lynn) Seppala; his  
7           grandchildren, Samuel C. Kinney, Elizabeth S. Kinney, Douglas  
8           M. (Allison) Kinney III, Alexandra K. (Jack) McBride, Marta R.  
9           (Scott) Day, Eli J. Robinson, Duncan M. Robinson, Alexander M.  
10          Perry, Lucas M. Perry, Lyda E. Hanson, Spencer S. Hanson,  
11          Wyatt M. Hanson, Lily E. Smyth, and Alexander W. Smyth; and his  
12          great-granddaughters, Gemma S. Day and Georgia A. McBride;  
13          therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
15          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
16          Douglas McBryde "Doug" Kinney and extend our sincere  
17          condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
18          him; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20          presented to the family of Doug Kinney as an expression of our  
21          deepest sympathy.