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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Peter James McLennon, who passed away
4 on January 27, 2023 at the age of 80; and

5 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon was the son of a physician and
6 attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary before graduating from
7 Fenwick High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon received undergraduate degrees in
9 history and statistics from the University of Illinois at
10 Chicago; and

11 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon's undergraduate education took him
12 eleven years and involved six other schools; he also spent
13 time as an Army drill sergeant in Louisiana and as a deckhand
14 aboard a Great Lakes freighter, the Edmund Fitzgerald; and

15 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon performed research for the
16 advertising agency Foote, Cone & Belding and also advised on
17 policy and election procedures for former Cook County Clerk
18 David Orr; and

19 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon owned a printing company named
20 Otis, which is a name he shared with his brother Bob who

1 founded the Wisconsin blues band, Otis and the Alligators; and

2 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon became the chief researcher for
3 Carol Mosely Braun in 1992 when he helped her lead a successful
4 campaign for the U.S. Senate; and

5 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon once bicycled alone from Texas to
6 Chicago in a test of fortitude and solitude; and

7 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon moved no further from Chicago than
8 Oak Park after marrying his wife, the late Phyllis Stepak
9 McLennon, though he never settled; and

10 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon and Phyllis once bought a
11 three-flat and moved three times, first into the building and
12 twice more in changing floors; and

13 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon's stories about life and his
14 experiences mixed merriment with scorn and scholarship; he was
15 never wrong about saints and medieval schisms; and

16 WHEREAS, Peter McLennon is survived by his two daughters,
17 Sarah and Paula McLennon; his son-in-law, P.J. Klapperich;
18 Piper, Skyler, and Oscar Klapperich; his sister, MaryEllen
19 Pollock; and his brother; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Peter James McLennon and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Peter James McLennon as an
8 expression of our deepest sympathy.