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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 Richard J. McKinlay of Oak Park, who passed away on May 27, 2024 at the age of 87; and

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WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay was born to John Forsyth McKinlay and Vivian (Johnson) McKinlay in Chicago on April 11, 1937; and

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WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay grew up in Chicago before moving to Niles during high school; and

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WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay continued his studies at the University of Illinois and then earned a master's degree in sociology at the University of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay met his wife, Peg, while studying at the University of Illinois, and they were married in 1959; they lived in Hyde Park before moving to Oak Park in 1970; and

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WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay began his career working at the National Opinion Research Center before starting his own marketing firm, McKinlay Marketing; and

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1 WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay was the president of the Mental
2 Health Association of Greater Chicago as well as president of
3 the Parks Foundation of Oak Park, where he established dog
4 parks across the village and supported the renovation of
5 Ridgeland Commons; and

6 WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay was an active parent in his
7 daughter's life, working from home while she was young so he
8 could spend more time with her; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay loved spending his time at his
10 cottage in Door County, Wisconsin and reuniting with family at
11 reunions; and

12 WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay was an early champion of
13 electronic and avant garde music, even holding seasonal
14 tickets for classical live performances; his love for quality
15 sound systems, cars, clothing, and furniture designs of all
16 kinds extended throughout his life; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay will be remembered for his love
18 and devotion towards his family and his dedication to Oak
19 Park; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard McKinlay is survived by his wife, Peg
21 (Margaret Malm) McKinlay; his daughter, Kristin (Hugh French)

1 McKinlay; his granddaughter, Winnie McKinlay French; his
2 sister Susan (Patrick) Wnek; his sister-in-law, Sandra Malm;
3 his nephews, Michael (Niki) and John (Julie) Wnek; his nieces,
4 Karen (Joe) DiMario and Susan Malm; two great-nieces; three
5 great-nephews; and many cousins and dear friends; therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Richard J. McKinlay and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Richard McKinlay as an expression
14 of our deepest sympathy.