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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 George Thompson of Oak Park, who passed away on December 8, 2023 at the age of 74; and

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WHEREAS, George Thompson was born to Wilbur and Virginia (Sibley) Thompson in Tuscola on September 23, 1949; and

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WHEREAS, George Thompson began his studies in mathematics at Eastern Illinois University in 1971; he earned a master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1973 and later received an MBA from the University of Chicago in 1983; and

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WHEREAS, George Thompson moved to Chicago in 1973, where he met his wife, Debra (Hayes) Thompson, whom he married in 1978; and

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WHEREAS, George Thompson spent his career in IT, working with companies such as Allstate, Kraft Foods, and IBM; after semi-retiring in 2011, he taught mathematics part-time at DeVry University; and

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WHEREAS, George Thompson and his wife moved to Oak Park in 1980, where they raised their son, Paul Matthew Thompson, and lived there for over four decades, before moving to Westfield,

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1 Indiana in 2021; and

2 WHEREAS, George Thompson loved walking his dog, Gabby; he
3 was an active member of the Computer Measurement Group that
4 published papers on capacity planning; he was a community
5 political activist, advocating for non-punitive approaches to
6 teenage drug usage; and

7 WHEREAS, George Thompson was an active member of Grace
8 Lutheran Church; and

9 WHEREAS, George Thompson enjoyed dancing, photography,
10 playing tennis, hiking, and traveling, including trips to
11 Australia, New Zealand, the Fiji Islands, and the Grand Canyon
12 and a transatlantic trip on the Queen Mary 2; and

13 WHEREAS, George Thompson is survived by his wife, Debra;
14 his son, Paul; his siblings, Carol Sheldon and Robert
15 Thompson; and several nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 George Thompson and extend our sincere condolences to his
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
20 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of George Thompson as an expression of
3 our deepest sympathy.