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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Tom Meyer of Rockford; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Meyer was a Rockford native; he was a graduate
5 of Auburn High School, Illinois State University, and the John
6 Marshall Law School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, In 1979, Tom Meyer won a seat on the Rockford City
8 Council as Third Ward alderman, replacing future Mayor John
9 McNamara; in 1981, he helped McNamara in his successful bid for
10 mayor; during his tenure on the City Council, he helped
11 negotiate with Democrats and Republicans to get ordinances
12 passed as the City made its way out of the early 1980s
13 recession that pushed the Rockford jobless rate at one point to
14 25%; and

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WHEREAS, After serving 2 terms as alderman, Tom Meyer
16 became a political savant, helping with Mayor McNamara's
17 reelection in 1985; he subsequently worked on the 3 mayoral
18 campaigns of Charles Box and the mayoral campaign of Doug
19 Scott; he most recently served as an adviser to the successful
20 City Council bid of Tom McNamara, the son of John McNamara; and

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WHEREAS, Tom Meyer served as an attorney for 38 years with

1 several different partners; most recently, he worked at Meyer
2 and Horning, a full-service law firm representing
3 corporations, small businesses, and entrepreneurs in areas of
4 real estate, personal injury, and family law; for more than 20
5 years, he spent much of his time representing the Rockford
6 Housing Authority; the past 5 years of his practice included
7 his son, Nicholas; and

8 WHEREAS, Tom Meyer was an avid Chicago White Sox fan who
9 coached youth soccer, basketball, and baseball games when he
10 was younger and played thousands of rounds of golf; and

11 WHEREAS, Tom Meyer is survived by his mother, Ellen; his
12 wife, Lydia, whom he married in 1993; his sons, Nathan,
13 Nicholas, and Noah; 6 grandchildren; 2 brothers; and his
14 sister; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
17 family and friends, mourn the passing of Tom Meyer; and be it
18 further

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