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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 former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Illinois Attorney General Tyrone C. Fahner of Northfield, formerly of Evanston, who passed away on September 16, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner, the son of Warren and Alma Fahner, was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 18, 1942; he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a law degree from Wayne State University Law School, and a master's degree in criminal justice from the Northwestern University School of Law in 1971, where he also received a distinguished Ford Foundation Fellowship; and

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WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner became an assistant federal prosecutor in the early 1970s, where he headed the official corruption section; he led the 200-member task force that investigated the 1982 deaths of seven Chicago-area residents from ingesting Tylenol cold capsules tainted with cyanide; he had a long and successful career in private practice at the prestigious Chicago law firm Mayer Brown LLP, serving on the management committee from 1985 to 2007, as co-chair from 1998 to 2001, and as chairman from 2001 to 2007; and

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1 WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner was a dedicated and passionate
2 public servant; he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for
3 the Northern District of Illinois, the Director of the
4 Illinois Department of Law Enforcement, and Attorney General
5 of the State of Illinois from 1980 to 1983; he also chaired the
6 finance committee of the Illinois Republican party and served
7 as president of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of
8 Chicago from 2010 to 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner was active outside of politics,
10 serving in a variety of roles dedicated to causes important to
11 him; he served as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the
12 John G. Shedd Aquarium, director at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie
13 Children's Hospital of Chicago, and a member of the Corporate
14 Advisory Committee for the University of Michigan; he served
15 as an appointee of President George W. Bush on the Commission
16 for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad from 2007 to
17 2023 and as an appointee of President Ronald Reagan to the
18 Board of Foreign Scholarships from 1988 to 1991; and

19 WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner enjoyed cars, dogs, fishing, and
20 anything to do with the University of Michigan; and

21 WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner loved his country, helping others,
22 connecting people for the collective good, and spending time
23 with his family, especially his wife; he was a respected

1 leader who served as a mentor to many and held a deep
2 commitment to service; and

3 WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner was preceded in death by his
4 parents; and

5 WHEREAS, Tyrone Fahner was the husband of Anne Marie
6 Fahner for 58 years; the father of Margaret (Andrew Bielecki)
7 Fahner, Daniel Fahner, and Molly (Benn Calhoun) Fahner; the
8 grandfather of eight grandchildren; the brother of Warren (the
9 late Elizabeth "Betty") Fahner and Allan (Kathy) Fahner; the
10 uncle of eight nieces and nephews; and the brother-in-law of
11 Suzanne (George) Beauchamp; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 former Assistant U.S. Attorney and Illinois Attorney General
15 Tyrone Fahner and extend our sincere condolences to his
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Tyrone Fahner as an expression of
20 our deepest sympathy.