1   SENATE RESOLUTION

2   WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened

3   to learn of the death of Robert A. "Bob" Helman of Hyde Park,

4   who passed away on October 4, 2024; and

5   WHEREAS, Bob Helman was born to Nathan and Ester (Weiss)

6   Helman in 1934 and grew up on the West Side of Chicago; he

7   graduated from Austin High School and attended the University

8   of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; he received his bachelor's

9   degree and juris doctor from Northwestern University; he was

10   discharged from the United States Army in 1958 and married

11   Janet Williams; and

12   WHEREAS, Bob Helman began his legal career after his

13   military discharge, joining Isham, Lincoln and Beale as its

14   first Jewish lawyer; he moved his practice to Mayer Brown in

15   1967, serving as chairman from 1984 to 1998; he led the firm

16   through a period of significant challenges and drove Mayer

17   Brown to diversify and grow; it more than doubled in size under

18   his leadership, and he remained a partner through 2023;

19   throughout his career, he took pride in devoting time to civic

20   and charitable causes, embracing his responsibility as a

21   citizen and member of the community; and

22   WHEREAS, Bob Helman enjoyed a full life, built around his

1 family, a distinguished legal career that spanned 65 years,

2 and service to his community; and

3   WHEREAS, Bob Helman is survived by his wife of 66 years,

4 Janet; his children, Marcus (Karen Smith), Adam (Rachel

5 Krause), and Sarah; his grandchildren, Benjamin Smith-Helman

6 (Alayna Held) and Bailey Smith-Helman; and his sister,

7 Marjorie (Lawrence) Kravitz; therefore, be it

8   RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

10 Robert A. "Bob" Helman and extend our sincere condolences to

11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it

12 further

13   RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

14 presented to the family of Bob Helman as an expression of our

15 deepest sympathy.