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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 Mayor Aaron T. Shepley of Crystal Lake, who passed away on May 4, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Shepley grew up in Crystal Lake; he graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1985; he earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1988; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Shepley served as general counsel for Centegra Health System from 2002 to 2018; he served as vice president and senior associate general counsel at Northwestern Medicine from 2018 until his death; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Shepley spent two years as a Crystal Lake city council member from 1997 to 1999; he was first elected mayor in April 1999; he served in that position for over 21 years until his death, making him the city's longest serving mayor; during his tenure, he worked to recruit businesses to fill the city's vacant storefronts, particularly along Route 14; he championed the efforts for a united city council that worked together for the purpose and vision of making Crystal Lake a great place to live; and

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1           WHEREAS, Outside of politics, Mayor Shepley co-founded the  
2 Crystal Lake Strikers in 2008, a summertime drum corps for  
3 local adults that became one of the most popular entertainment  
4 acts in the Chicago area; since its founding, his organization  
5 has marched hundreds of miles in local parades, performed in  
6 front of millions of people, appeared live on television  
7 multiple times, and donated thousands towards college  
8 scholarships; and

9           WHEREAS, Mayor Shepley was involved in a number of  
10 organizations, including serving on the advisory committees of  
11 the Raue Center for the Arts and Shaw Media Illinois; he  
12 enjoyed sports, bicycling, action photography, and playing  
13 drums as part of the five-person band What About This?; and

14           WHEREAS, Mayor Shepley will be remembered as a tireless  
15 public servant who advocated for his community as well as a  
16 deeply committed family man; his legacy serves as an  
17 inspiration for residents and businesses alike to further serve  
18 their community; and

19           WHEREAS, Mayor Shepley is survived by his wife, Regan  
20 Daniels Shepley, and his daughters, Chase and Madison;  
21 therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Mayor Aaron T. Shepley and extend our sincere condolences to  
3 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Mayor Shepley as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.