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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Bruce Allen Fasol of West Frankfort, who passed away on January 16, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol was born in Benton on March 11, 1957 to Pearl (nee Filkins) and Delio Fasol; and

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WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol served as the voice of the West Frankfort Redbirds in Max Morris Gymnasium for over 40 years, broadcasting more than 4,000 games; he was a member of the Illinois Broadcaster's Association Hall of Fame and recipient of awards such as the Broadcast Achievement Award, the Liberty Bell Award, the Illinois High School Association Distinguished Media Service Award, the Outstanding Club Leadership Award from Key Club International, the Merle-Jones Lifetime Achievement Award, the Tom McKie Achievement Award, and many others; in 2000, he was named as the Citizen of the Year for his work in West Frankfort Athletics and his dedication to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol created, led, and assisted with dozens of charity and community programs and organizations; he launched the Emergency Tele-Medicine committee to help bring

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1 more advanced medical services to Southern Illinois; he was  
2 instrumental in the planning of hundreds of community projects;  
3 his most prized project was a coat program started in 2003 with  
4 his longtime broadcast partner and best friend, Rick  
5 Westermeier; the program collected and housed donated coats all  
6 year and made them available free to anyone in need; and

7 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol was affectionately known as "Poppa"  
8 and his grandkids, Zakkary and Isabella Chambers and Bre'Anna,  
9 were "Poppa's Army"; he had 2 daughters and one son-in-law,  
10 Tara Fasol-Chambers and husband, Dave Chambers, and Sara Fasol;  
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12 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol was preceded in death by his mother,  
13 Pearl Fasol; his father, Delio Fasol; his step-mother, Jesse  
14 Fasol; and his sister, Carole Hood; and

15 WHEREAS, Bruce Fasol is remembered by his brother, Al  
16 Fasol, and wife, Beverly, and their children and grandchildren,  
17 as well as a cousin, whom he thought of as a little brother,  
18 Michael Bret Hood, and his wife, Nancy, and daughter;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
22 mourn the passing of Bruce Allen Fasol, and extend our sincere

1       condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
2       him; and be it further

3               RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4       presented to the family of Bruce Fasol as an expression of our  
5       deepest sympathy.