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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of James
4 "Jim" Goshorn of Gurnee, formerly of Grove City, Pennsylvania,
5 who passed away on February 13, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn was born and raised in Grove City,
7 Pennsylvania, where he attended Lincoln Elementary School and
8 Grove City High School; he earned his Bachelor of Science in
9 Education in 1977 and his Master of Education in 1979, both
10 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania; he married Mary Beth
11 (Welter) Goshorn; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn began his career in education at
13 Pottstown Elementary School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, where
14 he nurtured young minds and left a lasting impact on the lives
15 of his students; although he was deeply passionate about
16 teaching, he made a career shift that eventually led him to
17 Gurnee, where he and his wife relocated in 1993; he first
18 worked at Baxter Healthcare before transitioning to Abbott
19 Labs/AbbVie, where he enjoyed a successful 29-year career;
20 after retiring, he worked at Heather Ridge Golf Course; and

21 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn was a dedicated and active member of
22 the Gurnee community, beginning during his children's early

1 years in the 1990s when he volunteered as a sports coach and
2 became a committed supporter of the Friends of Gurnee Park
3 District Foundation; he was elected to the Gurnee Park
4 District's Board of Commissioners in 2009, serving as
5 president from 2013 until his passing; his leadership was
6 driven by his deep commitment to fostering growth,
7 inclusivity, and opportunities for generations to come, and he
8 cherished the relationships he developed with the staff,
9 board, and community members; and

10 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn was a passionate music lover and was
11 equally passionate about the outdoors, enjoying biking along
12 scenic paths, playing rounds of golf, and spending time in his
13 favorite Gurnee parks; and

14 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn was a devoted spouse, father, and
15 friend and a proud member of the Gurnee community; he was known
16 for his kindness, wisdom, and tireless efforts to improve the
17 lives of others, and he was skilled at bringing people
18 together, inspiring positive change, and always leaving things
19 better than he found them; his legacy will continue to thrive
20 in the parks, programs, and lives he touched; and

21 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn was preceded in death by his parents,
22 William and Jean Goshorn; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim Goshorn is survived by his wife; his
2 children, Allyson and Christopher; his siblings, Susan
3 (Goshorn) Scalzi and David Goshorn; his nieces, Francesca and
4 Jennifer; his nephew, RJ; and many friends, colleagues, and
5 community members; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we mourn the passing of James "Jim" Goshorn and extend our
9 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
10 and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Jim Goshorn as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.