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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 Andrew  
4        James "Andy" Werhane of Poplar Grove, who passed away on April  
5        26, 2025; and

6        WHEREAS, Andy Werhane was born to Mary and James Werhane  
7        on October 26, 1982 and raised in Lena; he graduated from  
8        Lena-Winslow High School in 2001, where he played both  
9        football and baseball; he graduated from Eastern Illinois  
10      University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a  
11      high school teaching certificate; he earned a Master of Arts  
12      in Educational Technology from Concordia University in 2016  
13      and a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership from Aurora  
14      University in 2023; while going through school, he also worked  
15      in his family's trucking business, Werhane Enterprises,  
16      washing and maintaining trucks; he married Sarah Werhane on  
17      November 12, 2011; and

18       WHEREAS, Andy Werhane was passionate about being an  
19       educator and made a lasting impact on the community of  
20       Belvidere during his time at Belvidere High School, where he  
21       taught English for nine years, and later as assistant  
22       principal of Washington Academy; he coached baseball, bowling,  
23       and golf and inspired countless students with his guidance and

1 compassion; he was also a technology coach for nine years; and

2 WHEREAS, Andy Werhane was a loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs  
3 and Bears; he enjoyed music and golf and was a lifelong seeker  
4 of knowledge; and

5 WHEREAS, Andy Werhane was a devoted and caring husband,  
6 father, friend, and teacher; he was known for his humility and  
7 kindness; and

8 WHEREAS, Andy Werhane was preceded in death by little Baby  
9 A and his nephew, Patrick Michael Heagney; and

10 WHEREAS, Andy Werhane is survived by his wife, Sarah; his  
11 children, Olivia Katherine Werhane and James Arthur Werhane;  
12 his parents; his mother and father-in-law, Timothy and Suzanne  
13 Heagney; his siblings, Nicholas James (Katherine) Werhane,  
14 Joseph James (Genevieve) Werhane, and Ryan James (Heidi)  
15 Werhane; his brothers-in-law, Timothy (Samantha) Heagney Jr.  
16 and Thomas Heagney; his nieces and nephews, Lillian, Ellaina,  
17 Noah, Brinley, Allie, Charlotte, and Layton Werhane; his  
18 grandparents, Fred and Betty Werhane and Ronald and Patricia  
19 Mahon; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, students,  
20 and colleagues; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we mourn the passing of Andrew James "Andy" Werhane and extend  
3 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
4 knew and loved him; and be it further

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