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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 Vicky L. King of Mill Shoals, who passed away on November 23, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Vicky King was born to Don and Mary King in Fairfield on June 23, 1954; she graduated as valedictorian from Mills Prairie High School in 1972, where she was the homecoming queen and a cheerleader; she continued her education at Southern Illinois University, where she was in the first female athletic class to receive full ride scholarships thanks to the newly enacted Title IX, a moment that set the tone for her career vigorously advocating for equal opportunities in high school athletics; and

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WHEREAS, Vicky King served as a physical education and driver education teacher at Carbondale Community High School (CCHS), where she also coached softball and girl's golf, recording over 250 softball wins and leading the Terriers' first girls' golf team to the Illinois High School Association State (IHSA) Championship; she also hosted the first IHSA State Girls Golf Tournament for six years; and

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WHEREAS, Vicky King later became the athletic director at CCHS, the first female to serve in that position in Southern

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1 Illinois, where she was instrumental in the planning and  
2 development of Carbondale's new high school and the Super  
3 Block Sports Complex; during her career, she served for many  
4 years helping shape athletic policies on the IHSA Legislative  
5 Committees for Athletic Directors, Principals, and Golf; and

6 WHEREAS, Vicky King served as the principal of CCHS until  
7 her retirement in 2010; even in retirement, she remained  
8 deeply involved with the district, serving on the CCHS Board  
9 of Education, and she was eventually inducted into the CCHS  
10 Hall of Fame for her decades of service to the school  
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, Vicky King will be remembered as a dedicated  
13 coach, leader, mentor, and friend by the community, as well as  
14 a trailblazer in girls' and women's sports in Southern  
15 Illinois; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn the passing of Vicky L. King and extend our sincere  
19 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
20 her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Vicky King as an expression of our

1 deepest sympathy.