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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of David
4 Lynn Walter, who passed away on May 2, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, David Walter, the son of Joseph August and Lillie
6 Belva (Epps) Walter, was born in Edwardsville on May 27, 1936;
7 he earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in
8 Music Education with high honors at Eastern Illinois
9 University and received administrative credentials from
10 Northwestern University; and

11 WHEREAS, David Walter began his 34-year music teaching
12 career as the choral director of Lincoln High School and
13 Lincoln College; he subsequently taught music at Glenbrook
14 North High School in north suburban Chicago for 33 years,
15 serving as choral director, instructional supervisor, and
16 district co-manager for school restructuring; he was elected
17 president of the Glenbrook Educators' Association and was a
18 member of the national test development committee for Advanced
19 Placement Music prior to his retirement in 1994; and

20 WHEREAS, David Walter sang as the principal second tenor
21 of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, where he was appointed
22 apprentice conductor and was honored as a scholarship student

1 in orchestral conducting; as choir master of the Libertyville
2 Presbyterian Church, he was gifted the Outstanding Jaycee
3 Young Educator Award for suburban Cook County; he also
4 received a National Science Foundation Scholarship for
5 Advanced Study in Baroque Music; and

6 WHEREAS, After moving to New Mexico in 1995, David Walter
7 helped to found the charter school East Mountain High School
8 in 2000, serving as chair of its governing council in the
9 following years; he conducted the East Mountain Community
10 Chorus' annual performance of MESSIAH, served as community
11 liaison for the Paa-Ko Communities, was named an East Mountain
12 Outstanding Citizen in 2012, and received the East Mountain
13 High School Foundation Roger Cox Spirit of Giving Award in
14 2014; he later served on the board of the World Affairs Council
15 of Albuquerque; and

16 WHEREAS, David Walter was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals
17 fan, an avid tennis player, and a passionate walker who
18 enjoyed projects involving organization and detail; and

19 WHEREAS, David Walter will be remembered as a kind,
20 gentle, and gracious man; and

21 WHEREAS, David Walter was preceded in death by his parents
22 and his older brothers, Gregor Lee, Joseph Wayne, and Kenneth

1 James; and

2 WHEREAS, David Walter is survived by his wife of 45 years,
3 Jean; his son, Steven; and his grandsons, Harrison and
4 Solomon; therefore, be it

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

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of David Walter as an expression of our
12 deepest sympathy.