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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Mike Behrens of Ogden, who passed away on April 5, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Behrens was born in Urbana to Gary L. and Connie (Sharp) Behrens on November 22, 1963; he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1993 and earned his master's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 2000; he married Kristie Baker in Royal on September 12, 1987; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Behrens taught school at Deland-Weldon High School and coached for one year; he then taught at St. Joseph-Ogden High School, where he coached football, girls basketball, boys basketball, and boys baseball for 20 years; he taught math at Parkland College at night for nine years and then served as the director of the Assessment Center at Parkland College for 10 years; he served as Ogden Township Supervisor and, along with his brother, Doug, also had a catering business, Fat Stacks; and

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WHEREAS, Mike Behrens was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Royal, where he previously served as the youth group leader, on the church council, and as council president; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mike Behrens coached all of his children in
2 various sports, including t-ball, baseball, softball, and
3 basketball; he and his brother also competed in dart
4 tournaments; he loved to ride his bike, and on his 61st
5 birthday, he rode 61 miles; he also competed in a Spartan race
6 with his son; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike Behrens enjoyed pheasant hunting with his
8 son, brother, nephew, and cousins every year, making homemade
9 pizza and trying new recipes, and health and fitness; he was an
10 avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals; he was a hard worker and
11 could fix anything; devoted to his family, he loved family
12 vacations and being a grandpa; and

13 WHEREAS, Mike Behrens was preceded in death by his
14 parents; and

15 WHEREAS, Mike Behrens is survived by his wife, Kristie;
16 his children, Katelyn (Calvin) Carter, Jacob Behrens, and Abby
17 Behrens; his granddaughter, Lilith "Lily" Carter; his brother,
18 Doug (DeAnn) Behrens; his aunt, Sandra Criss; his
19 brother-in-law, Blaine (Darcy) Baker; his nephew, Mason
20 Behrens; his nieces, Anna Behrens (Adam Cass), Kylie (Dylan)
21 Kaufmann, and Karlie Baker; and two great-nieces; therefore,
22 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Mike Behrens and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
4 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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