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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 Buford M. Green, who passed away on March 9, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Buford Green, the son of David and Annie Green, was born in Milltown, Kentucky on September 13, 1941; he graduated from Virginia High School and Illinois College; and

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WHEREAS, Buford Green began his journalism career at the Jacksonville Journal-Courier while a student at Illinois College, and he became sports editor in 1964, serving in that role for 20 years before becoming managing editor in 1983 and then resigning in 1991; he subsequently worked as editor of the Showcase newspaper in Jacksonville, and he later served as a sports/general assignment writer for the State-Journal Register, retiring in 2007; he was also a contributing writer for the Jacksonville Source newspaper; he wrote more than 20,000 bylined articles for the various publications during the course of his career; and

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WHEREAS, Buford Green was a co-host of the Sportsline call-in show on WLDS radio for 56 years, and he taught at Triopia Junior High School and Routt High School; and

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1 WHEREAS, Buford Green was a member of the Illinois High
2 School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the
3 Jacksonville High School Sports Hall of Fame, and he was a
4 founding member of the Jacksonville High School Hall of Fame,
5 the Illinois College Sports Hall of Fame, and the Jacksonville
6 Area Hall of Fame, where he served as president for many years;
7 he was also a long-time member of AMBUCS, the Elks Club, and
8 the Masonic Lodge; and

9 WHEREAS, Buford Green was a longtime baseball and softball
10 player who also served as a manager and coach for youth
11 baseball and softball teams and as an umpire for many years;
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13 WHEREAS, Buford Green was preceded in death by his parents
14 and his brother, Murl Green; and

15 WHEREAS, Buford Green is survived by his children, Chris
16 (Cheryl) Green and Brenda (Bob) Cunningham; three
17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his sister, Wanda
18 White; his niece and nephews; and numerous cousins; therefore,
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Buford M. Green and extend our sincere condolences to his

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Buford Green as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.