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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 Gerald Joseph "Jerry" Grohn, who passed away on March 24, 2026 at the age of 68; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Grohn was lovingly known as a husband, father, son, brother, friend, and coach who lived an extraordinary life defined by passion, resilience, and an unwavering love for his family and the game of football; and

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WHEREAS, As a dedicated coach at the high school, semi-professional, and professional indoor levels, including sharing his passion for American football internationally in Spain, Jerry Grohn spent decades mentoring young men and building character, discipline, and lifelong brotherhoods far beyond the field; and

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WHEREAS, With the firm discipline of a coach and the loving heart of an uncle, Jerry Grohn developed young men into men of character, guiding his teams to state championships while instilling toughness, unity, and pride in every player; he proudly called his players his "Warheads", a name that embodied strength, unity, pride, and the unbreakable bonds he forged, turning every team into an extended family; and

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1 WHEREAS, Jerry Grohn served as a mentor whose guidance
2 extended far beyond the gridiron, teaching the enduring values
3 of integrity, perseverance, and teamwork to generations of
4 Illinois student-athletes and leaving an indelible mark on the
5 fabric of high school and community sports across the State;
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7 WHEREAS, Jerry Grohn's larger-than-life presence, loyalty,
8 humor, strength, and ability to bring people together touched
9 countless players, colleagues, and friends, leaving a lasting
10 legacy of leadership, community, and heart; and

11 WHEREAS, Jerry Grohn was the husband and partner of Julie
12 (McKnight) Grohn; the father of Brenden Gerald Grohn; the son
13 of Dolores "Dee" Grohn; the brother of James Grohn, Linda
14 Pickering, Laura Dominski, and Kathy (Tom) Faille; and the
15 uncle of many; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Gerald Joseph "Jerry" Grohn and extend our sincere condolences
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
20 it further

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

1 deepest sympathy.