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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Charles D. "Chuck" Ingram of Harrisburg, who passed away on May 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram, the son of Joseph Ingram and Grace (Warner) Ingram, was born in Neoga on January 19, 1935; he graduated from Cumberland High School in 1954, where he was a standout athlete in basketball, baseball, track, and cross country; he married Mary "Marie" Cooper at the First Christian Church in Toledo on April 19, 1955, and they were married for 67 years prior to her passing on November 10, 2022; he earned his bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Illinois University and his master's degree in education from Indiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram began his teaching career at Cumberland High School in 1957, where he taught industrial arts before transitioning into building trades; while there, he coached Little League baseball in Toledo and a traveling women's softball team; he began teaching industrial arts and building trades at Red Hill Senior High School in Bridgeport during the 1969-1970 school year, and he continued teaching and coaching in the district until he and his family moved to Harrisburg in 1974; and

1 WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram taught industrial arts and building
2 trades at Harrisburg High School until he retired in 1994;
3 during his tenure, he and his students constructed 19 homes in
4 Harrisburg and the surrounding area, and he coached football
5 as well as boys and girls basketball; his lasting legacy to
6 Harrisburg High School was his dedication to its track and
7 cross country program; he coached boys track and cross country
8 beginning in 1974, and his team gained its first female member
9 in school history in 1975, leading to the school forming its
10 first girls track and cross country team in 1979; he also
11 coached the Gallatin County girls basketball team when he was
12 in his 70s, ultimately coaching for an amazing
13 69-and-a-half-year span; and

14 WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram received numerous commendations and
15 awards, including being recognized with a lifetime achievement
16 award by the River-to-River Runners of Southern Illinois,
17 being inducted into the Southern Illinois Coaches Hall of
18 Fame, and becoming the 2024 recipient of the Derril Kipp Award
19 by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram formerly served as a member of the
21 Saline County Board; he also operated a private construction
22 business, where he built, remodeled, and renovated a number of
23 residences in the Harrisburg area through the years; his

1 building skills and craftsmanship were also exemplified in
2 woodworking and furniture building projects; in his youth, he
3 was an avid hunter; and

4 WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram was a longtime, faithful member of
5 the Harrisburg First Christian Church, where he served as an
6 elder and trustee for more than 30 years; he also served as
7 chairman of both the church board and the building and grounds
8 committee; and

9 WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram was preceded in death by his
10 parents; his "granny", Rhoda Gentry; and his siblings, Eugene
11 Ingram, Louise Shook, Phyllis Branum, Kenneth Ingram, Ralph
12 Ingram, Gary Ingram, Helen Tilley, and George Lybarger; and

13 WHEREAS, Chuck Ingram is survived by his children, Leslie
14 C. "Les" Ingram and Renee M. (Dean Furlong) Williams; his
15 grandchildren, Jade (Beth) Goff, Craig (Maura) Williams, and
16 Morgan (Brian) Dalton; nine great-grandchildren; and his
17 brother, Bob Ingram; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Charles D. "Chuck" Ingram and extend our sincere condolences
21 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
22 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Chuck Ingram as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.