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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 the Honorable Ronald Chris "Ron" Dozier of Bloomington, who passed away on February 3, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Dozier was born in Mill Shoals to John and Wave (Garrett) Dozier on October 20, 1946; he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Dozier was McLean County's top prosecutor from 1976 to 1987; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Dozier was appointed a judge in 1987 and served on the bench until his retirement in 2006; during that time, he worked hard to craft sentences that took into account the full lives of those appearing in front of him; he crafted a reputation as a tough but fair prosecutor and judge who was guided by his deep faith and country upbringing in deep southern Illinois; he also worked with the Joy Care Center, a nonprofit that helped ex-offenders break the chains of recidivism and become productive members of society; and

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WHEREAS, Judge Dozier stayed busy in retirement; he worked as a reserve deputy for the McLean County Sheriff's Department and briefly returned to lead the McLean County State's

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1 Attorney's Office from 2011 to 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Dozier was preceded in death by his father,  
3 John Dozier; his mother survived him but passed shortly after  
4 he did; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Dozier is survived by his wife of over 50  
6 years, Jackie (Liles) Dozier; his children, Ross (Kate), Kent  
7 (Tawnya), Mark (Abi), and Drew (Katie); his grandchildren,  
8 Ashlyn, Aidan, Araceli, Bruce, Garret, Kevin, Mireya, Lily,  
9 Tanner, Eli, and Eleni; his brothers, Larry (Marti) Dozier,  
10 Harlan Dozier, and Ivan (Michelle) Dozier; and his sisters,  
11 Audrey (Dan) Lemke, Anita (Lindy) Caldwell, and Mary Dozier;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 the Honorable Ronald Chris "Ron" Dozier and extend our sincere  
16 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
17 him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Judge Dozier as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.