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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 William J. "Bill" "Coach" Zeman of Roanoke, Illinois, who passed away on February 11, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Zeman was born to Frank and Joan Cuchna Zeman in Oak Lawn on January 9, 1954; he married Melinda Zeman in Winfield on April 2, 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Zeman started his teaching career at Roanoke-Benson High School during the 1976-77 school year; during his tenure, he taught classes the majority of time and ended his academic career as dean of students at Roanoke-Benson Junior High School, retiring in 2013; he was the Roanoke-Benson Rocket's varsity baseball coach from 1979 until his coaching retirement in 2014; he also coached cross country, girls softball, JV and varsity girls basketball, JV and varsity boys basketball, and junior high baseball; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Zeman had many successful teams and seasons with many regional and sectional titles and trips to the state tournament, including his undefeated 1995 state baseball championship team; he was added to the Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994, the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2015, and the Bloomington Normal

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1 Officials Hall of Fame in 2014; in 2019, the Roanoke-Benson
2 High School baseball diamond was officially named in his
3 honor; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Zeman loved to fish and watch his beloved
5 Cubs and NASCAR; he especially enjoyed spending time with
6 family and his precious grandchildren and any time away
7 vacationing at the cabin in Arkansas; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Zeman was preceded in death by his parents
9 and his one sister, Denise Zeman; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Zeman is survived by his wife; his two
11 daughters, Jayme (Dan) Magnuson and Heather (Curt) Schweigert;
12 and his seven grandchildren, Brock and Reese Magnuson, and
13 Emma, Luke, Ryan, Jack, and Rhet Schweigert; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 William J. "Bill" "Coach" Zeman and extend our sincere
17 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
18 him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Coach Zeman as an expression of our
21 deepest sympathy.