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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 former U.S. Representative Robert T. "Bobby" Schilling of Le Claire, Iowa, who passed away on April 6, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Schilling was born in Rock Island to Francis and Patricia (Kilgore) Schilling on January 23, 1964; he was raised in Rock Island; he graduated from Alleman Catholic High School, where he played football and was named homecoming king; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Schilling worked at MacMillan Bloedel Container Corporation of America, where he served as a union steward in the International Paperworkers Union; he then became an insurance agent and financial planner for Prudential Insurance, where he ranked 525 out of 10,000 agents and served as the treasurer of his local United Food and Commercial Workers Union; he started St. Giuseppe's Heavenly Pizza with his family in 1996, and 25 years later, the family is preparing to open their fourth location in Comanche, Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Schilling decided to make a long shot bid for U.S. Congress in Illinois' 17th District in 2009; despite the odds, he was successful in his campaign and defeated

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1 Congressman Phil Hare by more than 10 points in 2010; he
2 represented the 17th District in the 112th Congress from
3 January 3, 2011 to January 3, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, As a member of Congress, Rep. Schilling was
5 willing to work across the aisle to meet the needs of his
6 district; he prioritized the rebuilding of the I-74 bridge and
7 even brought Secretary of Transportation under President
8 Barack Obama, Ray LaHood, to inspect the bridge; he worked
9 with Democratic colleagues to secure key provisions to help
10 the Rock Island Arsenal in the National Defense Authorization
11 Act; he also prioritized veterans by introducing legislation
12 that expanded their health care access by allowing them to get
13 care from any hospital in America, not just VA clinics, which
14 eventually became law; he was passionate about the pre-born
15 and supported every piece of pro-life legislation he could;
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17 WHEREAS, Rep. Schilling was deeply committed to his
18 Catholic faith; he loved his family and dedicated his life to
19 them; he showed love for his family through work and
20 sacrifice, including building two homes from the ground up for
21 his family; he enjoyed taking on challenges and proving his
22 doubters wrong; he loved the United States and felt privileged
23 to be an American; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Schilling was preceded in death by his
2 parents; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Schilling is survived by his wife of 35
4 years, Christie; his children, Terry (Katie), Aaron (Kiki),
5 Levi (Amanda), Joe (Ashley), Isabel (Austin Ryan), Rachel
6 (Kidd Causemaker), Olivia, Sam, Sophia, and Tony; his
7 grandchildren, Grace, Reagan, Bobby, Max, Peter, Gianna, TJ,
8 Daniel, Evelyn, Julia, Hank, Edward, Gus, and Ruth; his
9 siblings, Richard, Michael, Dawn, and William; and three
10 pre-born grandchildren; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 former U.S. Representative Robert T. "Bobby" Schilling and
14 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
15 who knew and loved him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Rep. Schilling as an expression of
18 our deepest sympathy.