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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 Paul Francis Schafer of Springfield, who passed away on September 5, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Schafer was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 3, 1962; he was the son of Donald and Margaret Madigan Schafer; he graduated from Central Catholic High School; he earned his bachelor's degree in Accounting from Illinois State University, where he dabbled in college football; he married Marie K. "Katie" Kerner in Bloomington on June 15, 1984; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Schafer was a certified public accountant (CPA) and a co-founding partner of Eck, Schafer & Punke, LLP; he was known for always betting on himself, believing in his abilities, and trusting his partners; and

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WHEREAS, Alongside his wife Katie, Paul Schafer co-founded The Fat Ass 5K & Street Party for Charity, an idea that was borne out of a resolve to contribute following his sister Mary's diagnosis of multiple sclerosis; through their charity, over \$1.5 million has been donated in Mary's honor and memory since 2008; his most trusted friends and family will carry on his legacy; and

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1 WHEREAS, Paul Schafer was a member of Blessed Sacrament
2 Church; he was a diehard Chicago Cubs fan, sneaking into radio
3 booths, serving as a peanut vendor for one day at Wrigley
4 Stadium, and witnessing the Cubs' Game 7 World Series victory
5 with his son Patrick; he was a scorned Detroit Lions fan; he
6 enjoyed sharing adventures with his wife as they took turns
7 surprising each other with vacation destinations; and

8 WHEREAS, Paul Schafer was known for his legendary
9 kindness, compassion, humor, bravery, and perseverance; he was
10 a loving husband, a dedicated father, and a loyal friend; he
11 enjoyed thoroughly embarrassing his family, especially his
12 children, while also motivating, challenging, and encouraging
13 them every day; he led by example, especially through his last
14 days; he will be dearly missed; and

15 WHEREAS, Paul Schafer was preceded in death by his
16 parents; his sister, Mary; and his brother-in-law, Doug; and

17 WHEREAS, Paul Schafer is survived by his wife, Katie
18 Schafer; his children, Christopher (Ashley) Schafer, Patrick
19 (Kaitlin) Schafer, Daniel Schafer (Emily Ackerman), and Molly
20 Schafer; his grandchildren, Louise "Lou", Max, and Frankie
21 Schafer; his sister, Kathy (Doug) Thomas; his brothers, Gerald
22 (Brenda) Schafer and Tim Schafer; his uncle, Butch Schafer;
23 and his several nieces, nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Paul Francis Schafer and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Paul Schafer as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.