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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the deaths of Michael "Mike" and Amy (Baker)  
4 Zinchuk of Champaign, who passed away on May 1, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, Mike Zinchuk was born to Roger and Hope Zinchuk  
6 in Chicago on January 3, 1968; and

7           WHEREAS, Amy Zinchuk was born to Eileen Owens and Robert  
8 Baker on July 6, 1968, and she was raised in Gifford; and

9           WHEREAS, Mike and Amy Zinchuk attended and met at the  
10 University of Illinois; they were married at St. Paul's  
11 Lutheran Church in Gifford on October 10, 1992; they raised  
12 their three children in Champaign, where they also became  
13 known for their penchant for raising big, friendly dogs; at  
14 the time of their passing, they had been married for over 30  
15 years; and

16           WHEREAS, Mike Zinchuk was one-of-a-kind, a man who built  
17 his life around supporting his children and wife, was fierce  
18 in standing up for his family and himself, and was always  
19 willing to help a neighbor or offer help; through his own  
20 actions and encouragement, he instilled the values of critical  
21 thinking and hard work in his children; and

1           WHEREAS, Mike Zinchuk was known for his unmatched  
2 knowledge, goofiness, and vocabulary; he was an avid reader  
3 and lover of history, and he never stopped learning about  
4 individuals who inspired him; his mastery of the Lord of the  
5 Rings series was only surpassed by author J.R.R. Tolkien  
6 himself; and

7           WHEREAS, Amy Zinchuk was well known in the community for  
8 her passion for music and teaching piano; she loved music from  
9 an early age, and she started her college career studying  
10 music; after becoming a mother, a role she valued above all  
11 else, she began teaching friends' children at their request;  
12 through word of mouth, her home piano business grew to 60  
13 students and lasted several decades; and

14           WHEREAS, Amy Zinchuk was her family's rock and their go-to  
15 person whenever anything bad or good happened; she cared  
16 deeply about her students and family; she passed on her  
17 personal brand of music to anyone she met, especially her  
18 children, and lived her life with the strong belief that  
19 dancing is appropriate in nearly every environment; and

20           WHEREAS, Mike and Amy Zinchuk were individuals who  
21 complemented each other in their differences and shared the  
22 same values and love for their children; they will remembered

1 as beloved parents, friends, and so much more to many; and

2 WHEREAS, Mike and Amy Zinchuk were preceded in death by  
3 Mike's mother, Hope Zinchuk, and Amy's father, Robert Baker;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mike and Amy Zinchuk are survived by their  
6 daughter, Elizabeth Zinchuk Stultz; their sons, Ethan Zinchuk  
7 and Matthew Zinchuk; their son-in-law, Joshua Stultz; their  
8 son's girlfriend, Francesca Roelle; Mike's siblings, Christine  
9 (Jim) Blaul, Tom Zinchuk, Joe (Julie) Zinchuk, Mary (Karl)  
10 Sealund, Brian (Jenny) Zinchuk, and John (Molly) Zinchuk;  
11 Amy's siblings, Neil (Diane) Baker and Julie Baker; 14 nieces  
12 and nephews; nine great-nieces and great-nephews; a host of  
13 aunts, uncles, and cousins; and their Alaskan Malamutes, Odin  
14 and Storm; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Michael "Mike" and Amy (Baker) Zinchuk and extend our sincere  
18 condolences to their family, friends, and all who knew and  
19 loved them; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of Mike and Amy Zinchuk as an  
22 expression of our deepest sympathy.