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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 Leo John Wirth of Kimball, Minnesota, who passed away on July 14, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Wirth was born to Alphonse and Esther (Sommerfeld) Wirth in Walcott, North Dakota on December 17, 1940; as a young boy, he moved with his family to the Bertha-Hewitt, Minnesota area; he graduated from Bertha-Hewitt Public School in 1958 and from the University of Minnesota in 1962; he served in the U.S. Army; he married Marilyn Thom at Zion United Methodist Church in South Haven on August 18, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, In 1964, Leo Wirth began his 36-year career at Kimball Area Public Schools; he taught vocational agriculture and science and served as vice-principal; he retired as the athletic director in 2000; he also had short business ventures at a pizza shop and a printing company, and he assisted Dingmann Funeral Care with funerals and visitations; and

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WHEREAS, Leo Wirth was a member of Kimball United Methodist, where he served as treasurer, was a member of the building committee, served pancakes with the men's group, represented the church at the annual Methodist conference, and

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1 was a mentor to many at the church and in the community; he was  
2 a member of the Kimball Chamber of Commerce and the Kimball  
3 Golf Club, serving multiple terms as president and in various  
4 other positions throughout the years; he also kept score and  
5 officiated at various sports events for Kimball Area Public  
6 Schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Leo Wirth received many accolades, including  
8 being inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of  
9 Fame and the Kimball Hall of Fame; he was further honored by  
10 the Kimball Area Public Schools when it renamed its high  
11 school gymnasium as the Leo J. Wirth Gymnasium; and

12 WHEREAS, Leo Wirth enjoyed golfing and traveling with his  
13 wife, and their favorite travel destinations were Chicago and  
14 the U.K.; he loved spending time with his family, especially  
15 his grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Leo Wirth was preceded in death by his parents;  
17 his brothers, Alvin, Richard, and Roy; his brother-in-law, Wes  
18 Truax; his nephew, Brian Truax; his godchild, Shellie Trimble;  
19 and his family friend, Siow-Fang Khoo; and

20 WHEREAS, Leo Wirth is survived by his wife; his daughters,  
21 Tamara (Antwan Conley) Jones and Jennifer (Brian Miller)  
22 Wirth; his grandchildren, Eurielle, Zacchaeus, Danny, Emily,

1 Kenny, and Ally; his siblings, Allen (Carla) Wirth, Leona  
2 Truax, and Edith Brasel; his sister-in-law, Brenda Wirth; his  
3 nieces and nephews; and his other family members and friends;  
4 therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Leo John Wirth and extend our sincere condolences to his  
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Leo Wirth as an expression of our  
12 deepest sympathy.