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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Michael John "Mike" Kaczmarz of  
4 Springfield, who passed away on June 27, 2024; and

5           WHEREAS, Mike Kaczmarz was born in Chicago to Walter and  
6 Alice (Pekofske) Kaczmarz on August 26, 1950; he graduated  
7 from Quigley South High School in Chicago and earned his  
8 bachelor's degree from Blackburn College; he married Patricia  
9 Quinlan Schuh in Tinley Park on September 7, 2003; and

10           WHEREAS, Mike Kaczmarz was an English teacher and  
11 basketball coach at St. Rita of Cascia High School and St.  
12 Francis de Sales High School in Chicago; he also worked at  
13 Virden, Sacred Heart-Griffin, and Buffalo Tri-City high  
14 schools; in addition to basketball, he coached track and golf;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Mike Kaczmarz was affectionately known as "Coach  
17 Kaz" and was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches  
18 Hall of Fame with over 400 wins, including a 1988 2nd place  
19 finish in the state tournament; he enjoyed golf and was a  
20 regular at the Brookhills Golf Club; he was an avid reader and  
21 especially loved Shakespeare; he was a fan of the Chicago Cubs  
22 and a proud Dziadzia to Theo; he was also a music enthusiast

1 and fan of Jimmy Buffett; and

2 WHEREAS, Mike Kaczmarz was preceded in death by his  
3 parents and his brother, Tommy Kaczmarz; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike Kaczmarz is survived by his wife, Patty; his  
5 son and daughter-in-law, William and Christina Schuh; his  
6 grandson, Theo; his brother, Ken Kaczmarz; and sisters-in-law,  
7 brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and numerous friends;  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
11 Michael John "Mike" Kaczmarz and extend our sincere  
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to the family of Mike Kaczmarz as an expression of  
16 our deepest sympathy.