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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Al Scott on Thursday, March 3, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Scott, a 1965 graduate of Hirsch High School and a 1969 graduate of Central State University in Ohio, played for the Cincinnati Bengals for a short time; he was the sixth-winningest football coach in Illinois high school history, with a record of 262 wins and 130 losses; and

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WHEREAS, He leaves a lasting mark on Public League football, establishing his record in 33 seasons at Simeon High School, where he coached from 1972 to 2004; he is the only coach in Public League history to lead his team to the city championship game in four decades; the Simeon Wolverines also made four Prep Bowl appearances under his leadership; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Scott was one of the pioneers in bringing respectability to Public League football, and he had the best winning percentage in Public League history; in 2003, he coached his team to a third Chicago Public School City Championship; and

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WHEREAS, He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and throughout his career, he won a number of accolades, including being named "Football Coach of the Week" by the Chicago Bears in 1996, National High School Coach of the Year for the Midwest Region in 1997, and he was inducted into the Illinois Football Hall of Fame in 2001; during his career, he coached three high school athletes who eventually played for the NFL; they are John Mitchell, Bill Johnson, and Ivory McCoy; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Al Scott has been deeply felt by

1 many, especially his wife, Lola; his son, Alvin Jr.; his
2 grandson, Alvin III; and his mother and stepfather, Margerie
3 and James Harbut; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Coach Al Scott, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his
7 family, friends, students, colleagues, and all who knew and
8 loved him; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to his family as an expression of our sincere
11 condolences.