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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 William W. Schooley Jr. of Granite City, who passed away on November 12, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, William Schooley was born on April 2, 1929, in Granite City; a lifelong Granite City resident, William Schooley graduated from Granite City High School in 1947 after a string of winning seasons as a football and track and field player; in 1946, playing in the Number 48 jersey, he was part of the team that won the Southwest Conference Championship, the same year he was named a Prep Football Player of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated valedictorian of his class of 1947 and in 1951 attended the United States Military Academy at West Point in New York, where he also played football for the Army; and

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WHEREAS, After his time at West Point, he was deployed overseas to serve in the Korea War; in the 1960s, he attended Saint Louis University and received a law degree, eventually opening his own personal injury firm in Granite City; he held membership in the Madison County Bar Association, where he became president; later, his client list included mostly municipal agencies, including the Granite City school board,

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1 Granite City Township and the Madison County Regional Board of  
2 Education; and

3 WHEREAS, William Schooley played an important role in the  
4 creation of the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame, a collection  
5 of memorabilia, photos, and trophies from the city's storied  
6 athletic past housed at the Nelson Hagnauer Sports Complex; the  
7 center opened in 1986 and was largely funded by Mr. Schooley,  
8 although he never sought credit for it; and

9 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents, Martha  
10 (Greene) Lengyel and William W. Schooley Sr; and

11 WHEREAS, William Schooley Jr. is survived by his four sons,  
12 William W. Schooley III, Rick (Joyce) Schooley, Jack (Barb)  
13 Schooley, and Thomas (Kathy) Schooley; his daughters, Cassie  
14 (Mark) Iken, and Billie Jo Schooley; and his fourteen  
15 grandchildren; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
18 his family and friends, the passing of William W. Schooley Jr.;  
19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the family of William W. Schooley Jr. as a symbol

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1 of our sympathy.