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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Justice
4 John P. Schmidt, who passed away on December 19, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt was born in Springfield to Phillip
6 H. and Susan Conavay Schmidt on January 8, 1965; he attended
7 Farmingdale Grade School and Lanphier High School, where he
8 played center for the football team for four years; he had
9 dreams of a career in law and attended Western Illinois
10 University and the University of Tulsa College of Law; he
11 married Robin Lee DuRocher in Springfield on October 5, 2001;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt worked as a Special Assistant
14 United States Attorney from 1990 to 1992; from 1992 to 1995, he
15 worked as an Assistant State's Attorney and as First Assistant
16 State's Attorney for four years; he was appointed the State's
17 Attorney for Sangamon County in 1999; and

18 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt served as Sangamon County State's
19 Attorney for 11 years before being appointed a Circuit Court
20 Judge for the Illinois Circuit in 2010; he was appointed as a
21 Justice of the 4th District Appellate Court by the Illinois
22 Supreme Court on December 7, 2017; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt served on numerous boards,
2 including the Illinois State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor's
3 Office and the Illinois State's Attorneys Association for which
4 he served as president in 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt loved to travel with his wife and
6 son, enjoyed playing trivia, completing crossword puzzles, and
7 spending time with the family dog, Macaroni; and

8 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt was a devoted husband and father,
9 a highly respected attorney, prosecutor, and judge, and a
10 beloved Springfield citizen; and

11 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt was preceded in death by his
12 parents; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Schmidt is survived by his wife, Robin;
14 his son, John "Johnny" P. Schmidt; his uncle and aunt, Eric and
15 Joanne Schmidt; his in-laws, Norma Seibert and Robert DuRocher;
16 and his brothers-in-law, Ryan (Melinda) DuRocher and Scott
17 (Toni) Seibert; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews,
18 colleagues, and friends; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 mourn the passing of Justice John P. Schmidt, and extend our
2 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
3 and loved him; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Justice Schmidt as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.