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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 Steven G. "Steve" "Mazz" Mazzarella of Naperville, who passed away on January 12, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Mazzarella was born in LaGrange to Joseph and Dolores Mazzarella on November 30, 1956; he attended St. Cletus Grade School and graduated from Lyons Township High School in 1974; he received his Bachelor of Arts in Education from Western Illinois University and his master's degree in education from the University of Illinois; he married Lesly A. Sartori on August 12, 1984; and

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WHEREAS, After working as a fireman for the LaGrange Fire Department, Steve Mazzarella began a 30-year teaching career at Naperville North High School, where he taught health and coached springboard diving; as a teacher, he incorporated a focus on mental health; he excelled at helping high school athletes prepare for the internal challenges of diving and helped them build "mental stamina"; after he retired from teaching, he worked as a substitute to stay connected; he also worked as a pool manager at the Farmstead Swim & Racquet Club in Naperville during the summers; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Mazzarella was a mentor with Operation

1 Snowball for many years, where he continued to promote student  
2 well being; he was a member of St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic  
3 Church in Naperville; he enjoyed water skiing, running, and  
4 spending time at the family cottage in Colon, Michigan; he ran  
5 the Boston, Chicago, and Naperville Marathons; and

6 WHEREAS, Steve Mazzarella's purpose was to treat everyone  
7 with love and acceptance, to live life with passion, and to  
8 show others how they could do the same; he will be remembered  
9 by his family, friends, students, and colleagues as a person  
10 who loved life and tried to serve others every day; and

11 WHEREAS, Steve Mazzarella was the beloved husband of Lesly,  
12 the loving father of Patrick (fiancee, Liza Zaydes) Mazzarella,  
13 Megan (Ben) Coleman, and Matthew Mazzarella, the adored  
14 grandfather of Emma Nicole Mazzarella and Gwen Carmella  
15 Coleman, the devoted son of Joseph and Dolores Mazzarella, the  
16 dear brother of Joseph (Ann) Mazzarella and the late Donna  
17 (Tom) Wood, the son-in-law of the late Daniel J. and Joanne  
18 Marie Sartori, the brother-in-law of Amy (Gary) Williams, Jill  
19 (Frank) Knight, Dana Sartori, and Meredith (Ted) Manikas, and  
20 the fond nephew, uncle, great-uncle, godfather, and friend of  
21 many; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Steven G. "Steve" "Mazz" Mazzarella and extend our sincere  
2 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
3 him; and be it further

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