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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 Byron Lloyd Bradford of Hindsboro, who passed away on October 14, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Byron Bradford was born to Chase and Joyce Bradford on October 20, 1938; he attended Arcola High School, where he was a center on the school's undefeated football teams of 1954 and 1955 and involved with the class play, the yearbook staff, the Letterman's Club, Arco-Lite, and FFA; he attended Eastern Illinois University where he earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree in education; he married Jean Miller on March 30, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Byron Bradford began his 49 year teaching and coaching career in Arcola in 1961; during that time, he taught 6th grade, junior high math, social studies, and P.E; he also coached basketball and track; as a high school teacher, he was an instructor of drivers education, health, and P.E. and served as a guidance counselor; his high school coaching included football, basketball, baseball, and golf; he and his mentor and best friend, Bob Avery, coached the legendary Arcola High School basketball team in 1963-1964; he also coached football with Steve Thomas, and they took teams to the state championship game in 1977, 1978, 1985, 1988, and 1991; he

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1 helped lead the Purple Rider football program to state
2 championship wins in 1978, 1985, and 1988; he retired from
3 Arcola High School in 1994 but worked part time until 2010, and
4 that time included helping take the football team to the 1995
5 state championship; and

6 WHEREAS, Byron Bradford was a man of faith, integrity,
7 strength, drive and patience; he had a deep desire to help
8 others and did so as often as he could; he served as an elder,
9 lay preacher, and Sunday school teacher and was presently
10 attending the Truth and Grace Fellowship Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Byron Bradford loved spending days with his
12 daughter Marla driving through the country, running errands,
13 visiting with friends, watching his son-in-law Tony drag race,
14 visiting his granddaughter Nicole and her husband Gabe, seeing
15 his great-granddaughter Peyton dance, and watching his
16 great-grandson Beckett grow and play; and

17 WHEREAS, Byron Bradford was preceded in death by his
18 beloved wife, Jean; his parents; and two of his very closest
19 friends, Bob Avery and Steve Thomas; and

20 WHEREAS, Byron Bradford is survived by his daughter, Marla
21 (Tony) Chrisagis; his granddaughter, Nicole (Gabe) Zuccarelli;
22 his great-granddaughter, Peyton; his great-grandson, Beckett;

1 his brother, Harold (LeeRae) Bradford, his brothers-in-law,
2 Terry (Catherine) Miller and Ed (Cheryl) Miller; his nieces;
3 his nephews; and the entire Arcola community of friends;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Byron Lloyd Bradford and extend our sincere condolences to his
8 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Byron Bradford as an expression of
12 our deepest sympathy.