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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 David L. Perry of Oak Park, who passed away on September 11, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, David Perry was born on October 6, 1947, in Hastings, Michigan; and

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WHEREAS, David Perry earned his bachelor's degree in health, physical education, and recreation in 1969 from Western Michigan University; he subsequently earned his master's degree in recreation administration from George Williams College in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, David Perry taught and coached swimming and water polo at Mt. Carmel High School from 1979 to 1987 and at Fenwick High School from 1987 to 2011; at Fenwick, he co-coached the swim team to three IHSA state championships and earned second place once and third place twice; he coached the first IHSA state water polo champions in 2002 and won eight of the last nine state championships; his water polo coaching record over his 31-year career is 793-143-2; he also coached over 60 all-American swimmers, 75 all-American water polo players, and 30 NISCA All-Academic Athletes; and

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1 WHEREAS, David Perry was the recipient of the Tony Lawless
2 Water Polo Coach of the Year award, Chicago Catholic League and
3 Metro Aquatics Conference, 13 times; he also received the Tony
4 Lawless Swimming Coach of the Year award, Chicago Catholic
5 League and Metro Aquatic Conference, nine times; he was
6 inducted into the Illinois Water Polo Hall of Fame in 2002, the
7 I.S.A. Hall of Fame in 2004, and the Chicago Catholic League
8 Hall of Fame in 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, David Perry was the loving husband of Marianne
10 (nee Mensik) for 35 years; he was also the father of Kyle
11 (Courtney) and Elizabeth (fiance, Matthew Timmons) Perry; the
12 brother of Lynila Jo Perry and brother-in-law of Janet (Robert)
13 Dews and the late Judy (William) Dolehide; the uncle of William
14 (Teresa) Dolehide, Christopher Hamilton, Andrew (Gayle)
15 Hamilton, Dana (Jeff) Prasek, Karen Hamilton, and Jason Dews;
16 the great-uncle and great-great-uncle and cousin of many; the
17 son of the late Lynn and Cay Perry; and the son-in-law of
18 Antoinette and the late Richard Mensik; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
21 his family and friends, the passing of David L. Perry; and be
22 it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of David Perry as an expression of our
2 sympathy.