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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 Major Frank J. "Coach" Luzenske USMC Reserve (Ret.) of Danville, who passed away on June 14, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Major Luzenske was born in Granite City to Frank Theodore and Margaret Alice (Keeler) Luzenske on March 12, 1933; he served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for 41 years; he served at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California and at Twentynine Palms, California, where he trained for air and ground combat before moving to officer training; he also served at the Marine Corps Air Facility at Quantico, Virginia and the Marine Corps Outlying Field Camp base at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

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WHEREAS, Major Luzenske attended college while serving in the military; he graduated from William Jewel College in Liberty, Missouri and earned his master's degree from Indiana State University; and

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WHEREAS, Major Luzenske started his teaching and coaching career at Oakwood High School, later moving to Danville High School (DHS) to teach and coach; he coached wrestling, swimming, and football; he was active on the football field up

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1 until 2015; he also taught history, ran the WECEP program and
2 was instrumental in starting the Fellowship of Christian
3 Athletes; on the radio, he was part of the "Community
4 Connection" morning show and the weekly "School Time" show in
5 which he was able to highlight Vermilion County's youth; he was
6 famous for bringing sweets to the secretaries and staff at DHS,
7 his YMCA family, and his favorite, the students of the
8 Alternative Program, now known as Kenneth D. Bailey Academy;
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10 WHEREAS, Major Luzenske always supported the Marines and
11 was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings; and

12 WHEREAS, Major Luzenske was preceded in death by his
13 parents; his sister, Margie Ramer; shortly after his passing,
14 his son, Michael J. Luzenske, passed away; and

15 WHEREAS, Major Luzenske is survived by his daughter, Debra
16 J. (Steve) Strader; his grandchildren, Jacob (Meredith)
17 Strader, Justin (Abbi) Strader, Jenna (Greg) Butler, Ryan
18 Luzenske, and Alie Luzenske; and his great-grandchildren,
19 Mason, Carter, Braxton, Gia, Nora, Lola, Brylee, and Brewer
20 Mae; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Major Frank J. "Coach" Luzenske USMC Reserve (Ret.), and extend
2 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
3 knew and loved him; and be it further

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