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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Daryl Thomas; and

4 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas was born and raised on the westside
5 of Chicago, where he attended Resurrection Grammar School; and

6 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas was a high school basketball star for
7 Chicago-area power house St. Joseph High School in Westchester,
8 where he played for Hall of Fame coach Gene Pingatore; he was a
9 McDonald's and Parade All-American as a high school senior in
10 1983; and

11 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas was a captain on Indiana University's
12 1987 national championship team, where he played for legendary
13 coach Bobby Knight and assisted Keith Smart's iconic
14 game-winning jumper against Syracuse; and

15 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas earned All-Big Ten honors during his
16 junior and senior season and served as captain in 1986 and
17 1987; he finished his college career with 1,095 points and 419
18 rebounds in 106 games; and

19 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas was taken in the sixth round in the
20 1987 NBA Draft by the Sacramento Kings; he played professional

1 basketball in Europe and South America; and

2 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas returned to the Chicago area and
3 worked as an assistant at St. Joseph; he worked for the Chicago
4 Bulls in the Chicago Bulls/Sox Youth Academy in Lisle, and ran
5 basketball camps in the Chicago suburbs; in 2015, he took over
6 as head coach of Montini Catholic; and

7 WHEREAS, Daryl Thomas is survived by his wife, Marta, and
8 their three children; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 Daryl Thomas, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Daryl Thomas as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.