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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 Paul William Bergeson of Batavia, who passed away on December 10, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Bergeson was born in Batavia to Paul and Hazel (Klingberg) Bergeson on September 20, 1927; he graduated from Batavia High School in 1945, where he was class president and a track and field star, and attended Illinois State University; he married his high school sweetheart, Ethyl Johnson, in Batavia on August 21, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Bergeson started his teaching career in 1950 at St. Charles High School, where he taught economics and government; he later became the athletic director and head coach for track and field and cross country; he retired from St. Charles High School in 1988 following 38 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Paul Bergeson was honored by the school by having a regional track meet named as the Paul Bergeson Invitational; he was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Hall of Fame and the St. Charles East High School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

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1 WHEREAS, Paul Bergeson was affectionately known as
2 "Peeler" for his passion of fishing and the use of crawfish
3 which he would peel and use as bait; he also liked to camp,
4 hike, and bird watch; he was a member of the National Audubon
5 Society, a devoted family man, an avid outdoorsman, and a
6 teacher in every sense of the word; and

7 WHEREAS, Paul Bergeson was preceded in death by his
8 parents; his daughter, Barbara Schoo; and his brothers, Richard
9 and Raymond Bergeson; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Bergeson is survived by his loving, Ethyl;
11 his children, Bill (Carli) Bergeson, David (Brenda) Bergeson,
12 Carol (Al) Yunkes, and Susan Bergeson; eight grandchildren; and
13 seven great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Paul William Bergeson and extend our sincere condolences to his
17 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Paul Bergeson as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.