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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Timothy Leon "Murph" Murphy of West Frankfort, who passed away on December 23, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Murphy was born to Leon "PeeWee" and Jean (Rankin) Murphy on July 31, 1948; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Murphy was an amazing art teacher, volleyball coach, and teen town sponsor; and

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WHEREAS, Tim Murphy was most known as the beloved founder of Candy Cane Lane, which he began more than 30 years ago; he delighted spectators from West Frankfort and all of Southern Illinois with his Christmas decorations and illuminations; his efforts were recognized when the national television program The Great Christmas Light Fight featured Candy Cane Lane in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, After retiring from teaching and coaching, Tim Murphy loved working in his tropical oasis backyard and his beautiful garden; he made amazing stages for homecoming courts, proms, and graduations; he enjoyed attending Redbird sporting activities and eating out; he loved Disney and Coca-Cola, which

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1 were reflected in all of his paintings; and

2 WHEREAS, Tim Murphy was a kind, loving, and generous man;  
3 he was known for always putting 110% effort into everything he  
4 did and making lasting impressions on the hearts of many; and

5 WHEREAS, Tim Murphy was preceded in death by his parents  
6 and his half brother, Bill Murphy; and

7 WHEREAS, Tim Murphy is survived by his sister, Marilyn  
8 Murphy; his niece, Michelle (Nate) Shaffer; his aunt, Ramona  
9 (Charles) Anderson; his great-nephew and nieces, Evan, Ella,  
10 and Emme; his special friends, Keith Griffith, Cam Brown, Iris  
11 and Bobby Kohzadi, and Laela, Layton, and Hailey; and his many  
12 dear friends and cousins; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we mourn the passing of Timothy Leon "Murph" Murphy and extend  
16 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who  
17 knew and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we celebrate the life and accomplishments of  
19 Tim Murphy, as well as the positive contributions he made to  
20 Southern Illinois and the community of West Frankfort; and be  
21 it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Tim Murphy as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.