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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 Terry George Todt of Raymond, who passed away on May 23, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Terry Todt was born at Hillsboro Hospital to George and Vera (Bonacorsi) Todt on February 22, 1956; he graduated from Lincolnwood High School in Raymond in 1974; he continued his education at Lake Land College in Mattoon and earned an associate's degree in 1976; he married Brenda Pinkston on March 22, 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Terry Todt was destined for a career in radio after he received a Western Auto Trutone six transistor radio for Christmas when he was seven; he worked for WFWA in Sullivan for two years until an ice storm destroyed the radio tower in 1978; after a brief, part-time stay at WLBH in Mattoon, he returned to Litchfield to work for WSMI on May 16, 1978; he rose to the position of program director and sports director; for the past 41 years, he was best known as the voice of high school athletics in Central Illinois, having called such memorable moments as the Nokomis' girls basketball state championships in 1998 and 1999, the Hillsboro's girls basketball state championship in 2006, and his alma mater's state championship run in baseball in 2009; his enthusiasm for

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1 the games and the kids who played them made every game he  
2 broadcast seem special; and

3 WHEREAS, For his excellence on the airwaves, Terry Todt was  
4 inducted into the media division of the Illinois Basketball  
5 Coaches Hall of Fame in 2001; he was recognized as Sportsperson  
6 of the Year by the Illinois Coaches Association-Softball in  
7 2011; he was also honored by the Bottomley-Ruffing-Schalk  
8 Baseball Museum in Nokomis, was a recipient of the Panhandle  
9 Education Foundation's Distinguished Alumni Award, and was the  
10 Montgomery County Cancer Association's honorary chairman; and

11 WHEREAS, Terry Todt's passion for youth athletics  
12 continued outside of his job; for many years, he worked with  
13 the Raymond-Harvel Sports Association, serving as president  
14 and coaching and officiating baseball, basketball, and soccer;  
15 for more than 20 years, he served on the Raymond Park Board,  
16 where he was instrumental in expanding the park to add a new  
17 softball field and soccer field, the latter of which was  
18 renamed the Terry Todt RHSA Field in October 2018; he was the  
19 voice of the community, serving as a guest speaker and emcee  
20 for many events, including the MTXE check presentations in  
21 honor of his friend, the late Maury Hough, that benefited the  
22 Lincolnwood and Nokomis sports programs; his legacy will  
23 continue through the T. Todt Shootout, an eight-game high  
24 school basketball extravaganza that began in 2018 and benefits

1 the Montgomery County Cancer Association; and

2 WHEREAS, Terry Todt was preceded in death by his parents;  
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4 WHEREAS, Terry Todt is survived by his wife, Brenda; his  
5 children, Brendan (D.J.) Todt and Brigette Todt; his  
6 grandchildren, Jacob and Zachary Todt; his brothers, Larry  
7 (Glenda) Todt and Garry (Teresa) Todt; his sister, Sharri (Don)  
8 Huddleston; and his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews,  
9 great-nieces and great-nephews; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
12 Terry George Todt and extend our sincere condolences to his  
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Terry Todt as an expression of our  
17 deepest sympathy.