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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives are
3 saddened to learn of the passing of Bill "Coach" Zeman; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman was born on January 9, 1954 in Oak Lawn
5 to Frank and Joan Cuchna Zeman; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman married Melinda Zeman on April 2, 1977
7 in Winfield; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman started his teaching career at
9 Roanoke-Benson High School in 1976; he loved teaching and
10 never left the school; and

11 WHEREAS, During his career, Bill Zeman taught classes and
12 ultimately became the dean of students; he retired in 2013;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman coached the Roanoke-Benson High School
15 Rocket's varsity baseball team from 1979 until 2014; he also
16 coached cross country, girls softball, JV and varsity girls
17 basketball, JV and varsity boys basketball, and junior high
18 baseball; and

19 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman had many successful teams and sports

1 seasons, which included both regional and sectional titles; he
2 led the undefeated, state championship-winning 1995 Rocket's
3 baseball team; he was inducted into the Illinois High School
4 Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1994, the Greater Peoria
5 Sports Hall of Fame in 2015, and the Bloomington Normal
6 Officials Hall of Fame in 2014; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman's successes were due to his love for
8 and dedication to his players; this love was returned by the
9 community with the dedication of the Roanoke-Benson High
10 School baseball diamond, which was named in his honor; and

11 WHEREAS, Off the field and out of class, Bill Zeman loved
12 to fish, to watch NASCAR and the Cubs, to spend time with his
13 family, and to vacation at his cabin in Arkansas; and

14 WHEREAS, Bill Zeman leaves a loving legacy, including his
15 two daughters, Jayme Magnuson and Heather Schweigert, and his
16 seven grandchildren, Brock and Reese Magnuson and Emma, Luke,
17 Ryan, Jack, and Rhet Schweigert; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we mourn the passing of Bill "Coach" Zeman and extend our
21 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
22 and loved him; and be it further

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