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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 Arthur Goodwin, who passed away on May 14, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin graduated from South Shore High School in 1985; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin was the head basketball coach for Bogan High School, where the program was virtually non-existent prior to his arrival; he was affectionately known as "Goodie" and turned the Bengals into a powerhouse; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin won nine regional championships, two sectional titles, and a Public League championship in 2015; his 2018-19 team that lost in overtime to East St. Louis in the Class 3A state championship won a school record 30 games; he won without big-named players; he got his players to play hard, compete, and play together; and

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WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin was not only a program builder but also a nurturer of players; the behind-the-scenes care he had for his players and the relationships he built had a tremendous impact; he was in school every day and engaged with students, teachers, and staff; when there was a problem,

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1 people would seek his guidance; he knew how to lead and move
2 things along; and

3 WHEREAS, Arthur Goodwin was always able to deliver a
4 message that kids could relate to, because he knew them so
5 well; he had an uncanny ability to identify the strengths and
6 weaknesses of every kid, and he treated them each
7 individually; he wanted to know everything about a kid, even
8 after the players left his program; he wanted to keep up with
9 their lives; he never let any relationship go; therefore, be
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11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn the passing of Arthur Goodwin and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Arthur Goodwin as an expression of
18 our esteem and respect.