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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Richard  
4 L. "Coach Van" Van Scyoc, who passed away on August 5, 2022;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Richard Van Scyoc was born on March 30, 1924; he  
7 was the youngest of five siblings; he attended Eureka High  
8 School, where he made the honor roll, earned varsity letters  
9 in three sports as a Hornet, and gained the nickname "Lefty"  
10 from teammates; he served his country during World War II; he  
11 returned in 1945 and attended Illinois Wesleyan University,  
12 where he competed on the Titans' baseball team as its number  
13 one ace and left-handed pitcher; he married Mary Kathryn  
14 "Fuzz" Frerichs, and they had two daughters before she  
15 preceded him in death in 1976; he later married Karen Storey in  
16 June 1978, and they enjoyed 44 years together, including time  
17 spent with their two sons; and

18           WHEREAS, Richard Van Scyoc always knew he wanted to play  
19 ball and coach; he began his career at Armington High School as  
20 the men's high school basketball coach in 1949, staying for  
21 three years and creating lasting friendships; he then worked  
22 at Washington Community High School, where he assumed  
23 responsibility for the men's basketball program in 1952 and

1 also served as athletic director; he led the program for 15  
2 years and had many successful seasons, defeating some of  
3 Peoria's top teams and making the quarterfinals at the 1962  
4 State Tournament; he joined the staff of Peoria Manual High  
5 School in 1966, taking the helm as the men's head basketball  
6 coach; he served at Manual High School for 28 years and ended  
7 his career with 826 wins, becoming the coach with the most wins  
8 in the history of the State of Illinois; during his 46-year  
9 career, he took six teams to the state finals while his teams  
10 became known for their tenacity and mental toughness; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Richard Van Scyoc  
12 was inducted into the Illinois High School Basketball Coaches  
13 Hall of Fame and the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame; he was  
14 a member of the Peoria Independent Sports Club and became a  
15 lifetime member of Significant Sigma Chi; he was honored with  
16 an endowed scholarship in his name at his alma mater, Illinois  
17 Wesleyan University, by his friends, family, and former  
18 ballplayers in 2007; he was also a member of the First United  
19 Methodist Church of Peoria; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Van Scyoc was happiest on the basketball  
21 court with his players; when not on the court, he could be  
22 found with Karen on his sun porch reading a good book or at his  
23 cabin on Lake Vermilion in Minnesota fishing for walleye; he  
24 was proud of his family; and

1           WHEREAS, Richard Van Scyoc was preceded in death by his  
2 parents, John and Nettie Mae Stover Van Scyoc; his brothers,  
3 Harold Van Scyoc, Harmol Van Scyoc, and Frank Van Scyoc; and  
4 his sisters, Ethel Blunier and Mary Van Scyoc; and

5           WHEREAS, Richard Van Scyoc is survived by his wife, Karen  
6 Van Scyoc; his daughters, Gwen (Chuck) Westendorf and Jan  
7 (Bob) Bogle; his sons, Steve (Cheryl) Van Waes and Dan  
8 (Jennifer) Van Waes; his grandchildren, Joy, Tiffany, Julie,  
9 Stacy, Leah, Clifton, and Laine; and his eight  
10 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

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 Richard L. "Coach Van" Van Scyoc and  
14 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all  
15 who knew and loved him; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Richard Van Scyoc as an expression  
18 of our deepest sympathy.