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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 Ralph
4 Eugene Sackett, who passed away on August 18, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph Sackett was born in St. Louis, Missouri on
6 October 27, 1937; he was raised by Tilda Mae and Sam Vernon
7 Sackett alongside his brothers, the late Don and Joe, in
8 Collinsville, Illinois; he excelled in baseball in high
9 school; he was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles, but instead
10 he attended Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU), where he
11 played third baseman for the Titans throughout college; he
12 married Alicia Ann Westwood during their senior year at IWU;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Ralph Sackett began coaching the Bloomington
15 Bobcats, an all-star college team, while earning his master's
16 degree in Mathematics at Illinois State University; he then
17 taught and coached numerous sports at Reddick and Octavia High
18 Schools, Washington University, and Granite City High School
19 before finishing his coaching career at Bloomington High
20 School; under his direction, his baseball, cross country, and
21 basketball teams all excelled; and

22 WHEREAS, Ralph Sackett began a new career in banking with

1 Bloomington Federal Savings & Loan in 1975, which took him and
2 his family to Champaign; he went into real estate development,
3 completing the Robeson Crossing development in southwest
4 Champaign at the end of his working career; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph Sackett enjoyed golfing, fishing, and
6 cheering for his St. Louis Cardinals; alongside his wife, he
7 loved spending time with family and relaxing in Naples,
8 Florida and at their cabin in the woods on Lake Napowan,
9 Wisconsin; he was an avid fisherman and took great pleasure in
10 fish fries around the fire with those he loved; and

11 WHEREAS, Ralph Sackett was affectionately known as "Papa";
12 he will be remembered for his big bear hugs and his beautiful
13 smile; and

14 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Ralph Sackett was
15 survived by his wife of 61 years, Alicia; his children, Robb
16 (Mary Beth), Jill Burton (Gregory), Todd (Kandi), and Matt
17 (Jennifer); his 11 grandchildren; and his two
18 great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we mourn the passing of Ralph Eugene Sackett and extend our
22 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Ralph Sackett as an expression of
4 our deepest sympathy.