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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 Robert "Bob" Goalby of Belleville, who passed away on January 20, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Goalby was born in Belleville on March 14, 1929; he was the son of George Goalby and Helen (Towers) Goalby; he began caddying in 1936 and won a caddy championship at the age of 13; he graduated from Belleville Township High School in 1947; he attended the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he served in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952; he was an outstanding all-around athlete, playing football and baseball in high school, attending the University of Illinois on a football scholarship, pitching and playing outfield for the Salukis baseball team after his transfer to SIU, and playing on a division football team while serving in the Army; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Goalby became a professional golfer after his military service; he was named PGA Tour Rookie of the Year in 1958; during his career, he won 11 PGA Tour events with the most prestigious being the 1968 Masters; he remains the only man born in the St. Louis area to capture one of golf's major championships; and

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1 WHEREAS, Bob Goalby served as an analyst and television
2 commentator for NBC Sports; he also designed many golf
3 courses; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Goalby was one of the founding forces of the
5 Senior PGA Tour, serving on the committee that designed the
6 concept and sitting on the tournament's board for 16 years;
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8 WHEREAS, Bob Goalby dedicated his life to the growth of
9 sports throughout the country, especially in the Belleville
10 area; he was a role model to many; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Goalby was preceded in death by his parents;
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13 WHEREAS, Bob Goalby is survived by his wife, Arlene
14 Goalby; his sons, Kye (Paige) Goalby, Kelly (Julia) Goalby,
15 and Kevin Goalby; his grandchildren, Katherine, Claudia,
16 Frances, and Robert II; his stepchildren, Kathy (Keith) Lance,
17 Steve (Terri) Abeln, and Ann (Dennis) Nadler; his sister,
18 Shirley Haas; his niece, Cindy (Joe) May; and his nephews, Jay
19 (Jan) Haas and Jerry (Elizabeth) Haas; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Robert "Bob" Goalby and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Bob Goalby as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.