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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 Parker Zumwalt of Pittsfield, who passed away on February 17, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Parker Zumwalt was born to Parker and Eileen Hemphill Zumwalt in Madison County on March 19, 1950; his family moved to Pike County when he was four, where they lived on a farm near Martinsburg, which the family still owns; he graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1968, and he was very proud to be a part of the Saukees 64-game winning streak; he married Beth Mitchell on March 31, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Parker Zumwalt worked for the Pittsfield Township from 1978 until 2015, serving as road commissioner for 30 of those years; he was also a 30-year member of the Pittsfield Fire Department, where he served as chief for many years before his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Parker Zumwalt co-founded girls softball in Pittsfield and Saukee Youth Football, where he served as a coach for over 30 years, coaching from his wheelchair for the past three years; he also served as president of the Pittsfield Little League Association and coached within the organization for several years; over the years, he served as

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1 an umpire at the Pittsfield Lake softball league, a sports
2 reporter for the Pike Press, a sports broadcaster for WBBA, an
3 EMT for the Pike County Ambulance, a Ward 2 Democrat Precinct
4 Committeeman, and an assistant coach for the Saukee football
5 and wrestling teams; and

6 WHEREAS, Parker Zumwalt was a member of the First Baptist
7 Church and the Pittsfield Crossing; he was named Mr. Saukee by
8 both the wrestling and football programs at Pittsfield High
9 School; he and his wife were named parade marshals of the 2020
10 Fall Festival; he will be remembered for the love he held for
11 his community; and

12 WHEREAS, Parker Zumwalt was preceded in death by his
13 parents; his son, Max Zumwalt; and his sister-in-law, Sandra
14 Richey; and

15 WHEREAS, Parker Zumwalt is survived by his wife; his
16 children, Trevor (Kris) Zumwalt, Toyia Zumwalt, and Tammi
17 (Jarrod Green) Zumwalt; his grandchildren, Katie (Buster)
18 McConnell, Molly Green, and Ellie Zumwalt; his
19 great-grandchild, Anna Beth McConnell; and his brother-in-law,
20 Lee Richey; therefore, be it

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

1 Parker Zumwalt 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 Parker Zumwalt as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.