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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 Edward P. "Coach" Galvin, who passed away on September 18, 2021 at the age of 88; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was born to Irish immigrants Tom and Molly (Herlihy) Galvin in Chicago on February 6, 1933; he was raised on the West Side of Chicago; he graduated from St. Philip High School in 1951; he earned his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Loyola University in New Orleans; during his college basketball career, he set scoring and rebound records, earned the title of Loyola Wolf Pack's most valuable player for 3 consecutive years, and was named a member of Collier Magazine's All-American Basketball Team; he was selected during the 1955 NBA draft by the Syracuse Nationals, now the Philadelphia 76ers; he served in the U.S. Army Military Police from 1955 to 1957; and

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WHEREAS, Ed Galvin began his basketball coaching career as an assistant at St. Philip High School; he spent 3 years with the team before becoming head coach at St. Rita High School; while there, he led the Mustangs to immediate and unprecedented Catholic League basketball success with 232 wins in six seasons, which included one heavyweight and two lightweight league championships; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ed Galvin joined the Fenwick High School coaching
2 staff in 1969; he was recruited to be the fourth head
3 basketball coach in the team's history and succeeded coaching
4 legend Bill Shay in 1970; he coached the Fenwick Friars to two
5 Chicago Catholic League Lightweight titles over the next 10
6 years; during his tenure, he oversaw the Friars becoming the
7 first team to win three consecutive Fenwick Christmas
8 Lightweight Tournament Championships in the famed sporting
9 event's 34-year history; he was voted the Chicago Catholic
10 League Coach of the Year for all sports in 1971; and

11 WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was the first head men's basketball
12 coach at Rosary College, now Dominican University, from 1976
13 to 1978; after he departed Fenwick High School, he continued
14 his stint as a college basketball coach at North Central
15 College from 1980 to 1982; his final coaching destination was
16 at the Illinois Math and Science Academy from 1988 to 1997;
17 over the course of his 40-year coaching career, his players
18 won more than 600 games; and

19 WHEREAS, Ed Galvin additionally served as athletic
20 director at St. Rita High School, Fenwick High School, Rosary
21 College, and North Central College; he also supplemented his
22 income through working first as a trader at the Chicago
23 Mercantile Exchange and then Galvin Marketing, which he

1 co-founded; and

2 WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was inducted into multiple player and
3 coach halls of fame, including the Chicago Catholic League,
4 Chicagoland Sports, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association,
5 St. Rita High School, and Loyola University New Orleans
6 Athletics; and

7 WHEREAS, Ed Galvin was most proud of his family; he
8 enjoyed golfing, singing Irish tunes, telling Irish jokes, and
9 spending time with family; he will be remembered for his
10 welcoming smile and quick Irish wit; and

11 WHEREAS, At the time of his passing, Ed Galvin was
12 survived by his wife of 62 years, Eileen (Day); his six
13 daughters, Peggy (Bill) O'Reilly, Maripat (Rick) Wooliver,
14 Eileen (John) Healy, Kathy (Rick) Dasko, Joanne (Joe)
15 Siciliano, and Tracy (Dan) Welsh; his 18 grandchildren; and
16 his six great-grandchildren; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Edward P. "Coach" Galvin and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ed Galvin as an expression of our
3 deepest sympathy.