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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of John Richard "Dick" Schofield of
4 Springfield, who passed away on July 11, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Schofield was born to John and Florence
6 (Campbell) Schofield in Springfield on January 7, 1935; he
7 spent the majority of his life in Springfield; he attended
8 Harvard Park Grade School and could often be found playing
9 baseball with his friends at Lincoln Park; he graduated from
10 Springfield High School in 1953; he married Donna Jean Dabney
11 in Omaha, Nebraska on June 16, 1956, and she preceded him in
12 death on November 8, 2012; and

13 WHEREAS, Dick Schofield, who came to be known as "Ducky",
14 embarked on his career with Major League Baseball after
15 graduating from high school; he was the first bonus baby, an
16 amateur player who received a signing bonus and went straight
17 to the Major Leagues, hired by the St. Louis Cardinals in July
18 1953; he played in the major leagues for a total of 19 seasons
19 with a number of teams, including the Pittsburgh Pirates, the
20 San Francisco Giants, the New York Yankees, the L.A. Dodgers,
21 the Milwaukee Brewers, and the Boston Red Sox; during his
22 tenure, he had the honor and privilege of playing in two World
23 Series; he was a member of the 1960 World Champion Pittsburgh

1 Pirates, during which he played a pivotal role in capturing
2 the National League pennant that same year, and his second
3 World Series appearance was while playing for the St. Louis
4 Cardinals in 1968; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Schofield held other responsibilities when
6 he was not playing baseball or helping raise his family,
7 including becoming the all-time quarterback for the Circle
8 Drive neighborhood football games; he enjoyed playing
9 basketball, playing cards with his friends, and golfing; he
10 was also passionate about working in the yard, and he
11 especially enjoyed landscaping and mowing the grass; and

12 WHEREAS, Dick Schofield was known for being an intense,
13 successful, and dedicated athlete and a very giving and kind
14 individual; he helped many people during his lifetime and
15 never expected anything in return; most importantly, he was
16 extremely proud of his family; he enjoyed cheering for his
17 children and grandchildren during their many sporting events
18 and activities; he especially loved to watch his son, Dick,
19 play baseball over the years; he will be remembered for his
20 passion for baseball and for making his family, friends, and
21 Springfield proud; and

22 WHEREAS, Dick Schofield was preceded in death by his
23 daughter, Tami Schofield, and his parents; and

1 WHEREAS, Dick Schofield is survived by his son, Dick
2 Schofield; his daughter, Kim (Dennis) Werth; his
3 grandchildren, Jayson (Julia) Werth, Hillary (Morgan) Werth,
4 Hannah Werth, Haley (Chad Oldridge) Whitehurst, Gracie (Al)
5 Werth, Hank Schofield, Hayden Schofield, and Millie Schofield;
6 and his great-grandchildren, Jackson Werth, Judah Werth, Pyper
7 Oldridge, Audrey Oldridge, and Riley Schofield; therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
11 John Richard "Dick" Schofield and extend our sincere
12 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 him; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dick Schofield as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.