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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 Richard Arthur "Rich" Parsons of Rock Island, who passed away on October 7, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Rich Parsons was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Richard C. and Thelma (Moore) Parsons on January 1, 1946; he and his family eventually moved to Moline; he graduated from Alleman High School, where he played basketball, baseball, and football; he attended Black Hawk College for two years before enlisting in the United States Air Force; he was stationed in Ipswich, England, where he served for four years as a sergeant; after being honorably discharged, he returned to his home town and married Gail Diane Ziegler at St. Pius Catholic Church in Rock Island on July 14, 1972; and

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WHEREAS, Rich Parsons worked full-time for and eventually retired from Missman Stanley and Associates in Rock Island; and

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WHEREAS, Rich Parsons played many sports, and his favorites included basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, golf, pickleball, and racquetball; he spent many years in gyms, coaching, watching, cheering, refereeing, playing, and working out to stay active; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rich Parsons was inducted into the Alleman High
2 School Hall of Fame for his role on the 1963-1964 boys
3 basketball team; and

4 WHEREAS, Rich Parsons was preceded in death by his parents
5 and his brother, Robert Parsons; and

6 WHEREAS, Rich Parsons is survived by his wife, Gail; his
7 children, Heather Parsons, Amy (Steve) Rognsvoog, Daniel
8 (Heidi) Parsons, Abigayle (Matt) Peeler, Bridgette (Robert)
9 Walker, and Sam (Courtney) Parsons; his grandchildren, Caitlyn
10 Lynch, Shannon Lynch, Emma Rognsvoog, Riley Parsons, Kade
11 Parsons, Whitnee Parsons, Ashlyne Parsons, Tristyn Parsons,
12 Edith Walker, and Kirby Walker; his siblings, Robyn (Ken)
13 Elliott and Steve (Mattie) Parsons; and his sister-in-law and
14 brothers-in-law, Connie (Paul) Vaughn, Mike (Laurie) Ziegler,
15 Larry Ziegler, and Tim (Paula) Ziegler; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Richard Arthur "Rich" Parsons and extend our sincere
19 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 him; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Rich Parsons as an expression of our
2 deepest sympathy.