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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Raymond Earl Zimmerman of Princeton, summer resident of Walloon Lake, Michigan, on Tuesday, June 28, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on May 20, 1930, in Peoria to Clarence and Lydia (Staker) Zimmerman; he grew up in Morton and was a graduate of Morton Township High School in 1948; he married Marjorie Carius on December 23, 1951, in the First Presbyterian Church in Peoria; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Zimmerman received a bachelor's degree from Bradley University in 1953 and then served in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1955; he continued his college education and earned a master's degree from Bradley in 1959; and

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WHEREAS, He began his career in education following his discharge from the military and worked as a teacher and coach for a number of schools throughout the years, including Washington Junior High School and Eureka High School, where he was head basketball coach for nine years as well as the coach for the very first cross country team; he later served as principal of Wyanet Junior High School in Wyanet, and Jefferson, Lincoln, and Douglas elementary schools in Princeton; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Zimmerman built and operated the Princeton Dairy Queen from 1966 until his retirement in 2001; he also owned and operated "Z's" Christmas Trees for 23 years; he was honored in the mid-1990s by being inducted into the Peoria Hall of Fame as a member and pitcher of the Gipps All Star Softball Team that won the national championship in 1947; he attended Princeton Church of the Nazarene and the Walloon Lake Community Church in Walloon Lake, Michigan; and

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Raymond Earl Zimmerman has been
2 deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Marjorie; his
3 children, Barbara (Dan) Mogck, Susan (Robert) Blaha, David Ray
4 Zimmerman, and Beth (Dan) Schmidt; his sister, Wilma Bollegar;
5 his brother, Ken Zimmerman; his grandchildren, Matthew, Susan,
6 Joshua, Alison, Jacob, and Isaac Raymond Mogck, Bo, Rachael,
7 Claire, Kathryn, Lydia, Zac, and Ben Blaha, and Emily and Anna
8 Schmidt; his seven aunts; his uncle; his seven nieces; and his
9 six nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents and his
10 brother, Billie; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Raymond Earl Zimmerman, and we extend our sincere condolences
14 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
18 sympathy.