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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Michael J. "Mike" Wagner of Greenfield, who passed away on August 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mike Wagner was born April 17, 1958, in Jacksonville; he married Cheri Roth in April 1976; he later married Amanda L. Cochran on Sept. 23, 2000, at Rockbridge United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mike Wagner played football and basketball while attending Greenfield High School, where he earned all conference and MVP honors, and in track, where he qualified for the 880 relay at State; he scored more than 1,000 career points in basketball and was a running back on the MSM Conference championship team and the first team to make the State playoffs; he graduated from Greenfield High School in 1976 and attended Illinois College; and

WHEREAS, He continued his love of Greenfield sports by becoming a member of the Greenfield Athletic Club, where he served as president; he played on several local men's softball teams and coached many boys and girls youth league teams, where he also served as commissioner from 1986 to 1990; he was a member of the football chain crew and a football statistician;

1 he was a member of the Woodbine Country Club Board of Directors  
2 and served as league secretary for several years; he was the  
3 secretary for the annual Ozark golf trip; he become a  
4 basketball official in 1977, and has held offices in the  
5 Midwestern Officials Association; and

6 WHEREAS, He was a past member of the After Prom Committee  
7 and helped organize several fundraisers; he was a member of  
8 Bowman's Legion; he was a member of the Greenfield Tiger Backer  
9 Board for many years, serving as president; he helped organize  
10 the Tiger Backer Golf Tournament for the past 10 years and  
11 spent countless hours cooking before football games; he served  
12 as vice-president of the Greenfield Football Quarterback Club  
13 and helped organize its golf tournament for the past two years;  
14 he was co-owner with his brother of Wagner Seed and Supply in  
15 Rockbridge; and he was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan who sent  
16 many people to Busch stadium on the company's season tickets;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his paternal  
19 grandparents, Frank and Elta Tendick Wagner; maternal  
20 grandparents, Orville E. and Maureen Macnamara Dalton; and a  
21 beloved great-uncle, Harold "Unc" Tendick; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Michael Wagner will be deeply felt  
23 by those who knew and loved him, especially his two daughters,

1 Lisa Wagner and Anna Wagner; his son, Todd; his two  
2 stepdaughters, Morgan and Madison Coates; his parents, Warren  
3 "Wag" Wagner (spouse, Barb); and Nancy Dalton (spouse, Cliff)  
4 Dawson; his sister, Deb (spouse, Terry) Settles; his brother,  
5 Douglas Wagner; and his parents-in-law, Leon and Becky Hopper  
6 Cochran; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 his family and friends, the passing of Michael J. "Mike"  
10 Wagner; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Michael J. "Mike" Wagner as a symbol  
13 of our sympathy.