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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives have learned with profound sadness of the
4 passing of Daniel "Coach Cal" Callahan; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Cal's death at the age of 52 came much too
6 soon after a battle with cancer described by those who watched
7 as "courageous" and "inspirational"; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Cal carved a career of excellence that
9 stretched from the youth and high school baseball diamonds of
10 Springfield to the coach boxes of Lanphier and Springfield High
11 Schools to the campuses of Eastern Illinois University and
12 Southern Illinois University in Carbondale; and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Coach Cal
14 grew to be a person who mentored thousands, steered more than
15 20 players into the Major League Baseball draft, and became the
16 second most victorious skipper at SIU-C; and

17 WHEREAS, While Coach Cal's on-field accomplishments are
18 notable, it is his contributions to the student athletes who
19 remember his efforts as that of "a second dad" or
20 "life-changing" or "something to be never forgotten" that will
21 be most cherished; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Cal's final years, which could have seen him
2 shielding himself from the public eye while battling the
3 ravages of his disease, were spent rejecting "excuses" and
4 placing his family, players, and community first; and

5 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
6 Representatives join Coach Cal's family, friends, and fans to
7 mourn his passing and recall that Coach Cal will be forever
8 remembered as a leader, standing at the edge of the dugout at
9 Abe Martin Field encouraging extra effort and comforting the
10 near misses; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 mourn the passing of Daniel "Coach Cal" Callahan and remember
14 him fondly for his contributions to the State of Illinois in
15 making it a better place to live; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
17 presented to Coach Cal's wife, Stacy; his daughters, Alexa and
18 Carly; and his parents, Ann and Gene.