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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 D. Holtfreter of Harvard, who passed away on June 20, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born February 12, 1936, in Woodstock, to Albert Holtfreter and Emma Phillipina Phillip; he married Phyllis Anne Margaret DeWeerth on July 19, 1958, at Grace Lutheran Church in Woodstock; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Woodstock High School, attended Western Illinois University, and graduated from Carthage College in Carthage; he belonged to the Retired Teacher Association, the Athletic Director Association, the Harvard Moose, the Jaycees, and the Elks; he was a past president of the Lions, and a city councilman for Harvard; and

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WHEREAS, He will be remembered as the wrestling coach for Harvard High School from 1979 to 1987; his 11 seasons included 11 State placewinners, 2 State individual champions, winning 7 regionals, one sectional, and taking second place in the team dual State tournament in 1987; in 1983 the team tied for the Class A State Wrestling Tournament team title, which became the pinnacle of his coaching career; and

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1           WHEREAS, During his time as a physical education teacher,  
2 Richard Holtfreter served as baseball, basketball, and track at  
3 different times; he retired in 1987; he is a member of the  
4 Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of  
5 Fame; and

6           WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Holtfreter;  
7 his three children, Cynthia Holtfreter, Mark (Dee) Holtfreter,  
8 and David (Charlene); his four grandchildren, Cassidy, Logan,  
9 Kenzie, and Kearra; and his two sisters, Jeanette Wesemann and  
10 Carol Jarnecke; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
13 his family and friends, the passing of Richard Holtfreter; and  
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15           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
16 presented to the family of Richard D. Holtfreter as a symbol of  
17 our sincere sympathy.