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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Terrence
4 James "T.J." Shirley of Lansing, who passed away on May 6,
5 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, He was born October 26, 1958 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa
7 to Patrick and Caroline Shirley; he graduated from Fennimore
8 High School in 1976 where he had an outstanding athletic career
9 in track and cross country; he graduated from Dubuque
10 University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education in 1981;
11 he was an outstanding track athlete and set many school
12 records; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduation, he taught at several schools
14 before teaching at Thornridge School District in Dolton; he
15 later became the athletic director and physical education
16 teacher along with coaching multiple sports in the school and
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, While teaching and coaching, he earned a Master's
19 Degree in School Administration and a Master's Degree in
20 Physical Education; and

21 WHEREAS, He was well known for his annual athletic field

1 event known as "Blue Smoke"; and

2 WHEREAS, Terrence James "T.J." Shirley is survived by his
3 parents, Patrick and Caroline Shirley; his sons, Cameron and
4 Joshua; his daughter, Marissa; his brothers, George and Shaun
5 (Kristie); his sisters, Teresa McElree and Vallerie Lynn; and
6 20 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
10 Terrence "T.J." Shirley; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Terrence James "T.J." Shirley as a
13 symbol of our sincere sympathy.