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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 Steven Douglas Little of Gurnee, who passed away on June 25, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Little was born on October 27, 1961 in Peoria; his parents were James and Georgia Little; he married Carla Norrene Williams in 1990; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Little attended Hines Grade School and graduated from Woodruff High School in 1980; he earned All-American honors in football at Peoria Woodruff High School and was an All-State wrestler and a record-holding shot putter and discus thrower; he was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1986 and 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Little earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Iowa State University in 1986; during college, he was a 3-year starter, a 4-time letterman, MVP of the defensive line, team captain, and an All Big Eight performer; following his collegiate career, he signed NFL player contracts with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Detroit Lions, and Atlanta Falcons; and

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WHEREAS, Steven Little spent 3 seasons as defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Trinity International

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1 University, making the NAIA playoffs and coaching in the All
2 American Bowl; he also spent 9 seasons with the Chicago Bears
3 as an assistant linebacker coach, assistant defensive line
4 coach, and assistant physical development coordinator; he also
5 coached the San Francisco 49ers, serving as a coach in the 1994
6 NFL Pro Bowl and participating in NFL Internship programs with
7 the Buffalo Bills and Carolina Panthers; at the collegiate
8 level, he coached at Northern Illinois University, Purdue
9 University, Temple University, and Iowa State University,
10 where he coached and trained numerous future NFL players; his
11 final coaching experience was at Lake Forest College in Lake
12 Forest; and

13 WHEREAS, Steven Little is survived by his wife, Carla; 4
14 children, Kristen, Kelsey, Keralynn, and Kamille; his parents;
15 2 brothers, James and Brian (Anise) Little; a sister, Barbara
16 Jean Williams-Brooks; several beloved sisters-in-law, nieces,
17 and nephews; and 2 dogs, C.J. and Karmela; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
20 family and friends, mourn the passing of Steven Douglas Little;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Steven Little as an expression of

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1 our sympathy.