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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 Russel Clayton Lehner, who passed away on June 19, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Russel Lehner was a devoted teacher for 35 years; he spent nine years teaching at Ackerman Junior High in Oregon, where he also coached girls softball and basketball, one year at Wilmington High School, and the remainder at Joliet Township High School West and Central Campuses; he taught woodworking, welding, electricity, board drafting, computer aided drafting, and Principles of Technology, a class that he created and taught in collaboration with a physics teacher; and

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WHEREAS, Russel Lehner coached his sons' baseball teams at St. Joe's for many years; he loved bowling in the teachers' league, fishing from a chair on the shores of the Lake Will Sportsman's Club, watching his beloved Chicago Cubs win a World Series and scratching off lottery tickets while watching Westerns in the comfort of his kitchen chair; and

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WHEREAS, Russel Lehner was preceded in death by his father, Clay; his mother, Helen; and his aunt, Marge; and

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WHEREAS, Russel Lehner is survived by his wife, Patricia;

1 his children, Erin (Scott) Zimmer, Joseph (Samantha) Lehner,
2 Peter Lehner, and Kathryn (David) Gibson; his grandchildren,
3 Skyler, Kasia, and Brooklyn Lehner, and Luke and Brynn Zimmer;
4 his brother, Dale Lehner (Patricia); his sister, Dianne
5 (Gerald) Morrison; his uncle and aunt, Ed and Jackie Lehner;
6 and many nieces, nephews, friends, and co-workers; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Russel Clayton Lehner, and extend our sincere condolences to
11 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Russel Lehner as an expression of
15 our deepest sympathy.