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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 Bob  
4 Whitlow of West Frankfort, who passed away on September 18,  
5 2008; and

6           WHEREAS, Bob Whitlow was born in Highland Park, Michigan on  
7 September 20, 1939; he was the only child of David J. Whitlow  
8 and Flora Delphia (Cipher) Whitlow; he married Mary Lynn  
9 (Niana) Whitlow on February 7, 1969 in West Frankfort; and

10           WHEREAS, Bob Whitlow graduated from Benton High School in  
11 1957; he was employed by the Kroger Company from 1957 until  
12 1963, when he joined the Illinois National Guard and served as  
13 a Supply Sergeant for about 15 years; he was also employed with  
14 the Old Ben Coal Company Mine No. 24 in Benton; after retiring,  
15 he and his wife operated Lynn RV Sales on Illinois 37 in West  
16 Frankfort; and

17           WHEREAS, Bob Whitlow served as president of the Franklin  
18 County Mental Health Association for a number of years; he also  
19 served on the Board of Directors of Franklin-Williamson Human  
20 Services for about 37 years and was a charter member of the  
21 Franklin-Williamson Foundation; and

1           WHEREAS, Bob Whitlow was an avid SIU basketball fan; he was  
2 a member of the West Frankfort Rotary Club and the Northern  
3 Baptist Church; he was a charter member of the Herrin Bocce  
4 Ball Club and was an avid bocce player for more than 50 years;  
5 he was the founder of Bocce USA, a not-for-profit bocce  
6 organization dedicated to promoting the 7,000 year old Italian  
7 game; he was responsible for the construction of the first set  
8 of indoor bocce courts south of Chicago at the VF Mall in West  
9 Frankfort, which have now been relocated to the New Beginnings  
10 Community Center (formerly Frankfort Elementary School); he  
11 was known throughout his community as "Mr. Bocce"; and

12           WHEREAS, Bob Whitlow was preceded in death by his parents  
13 and his son, John David Whitlow; and

14           WHEREAS, Bob Whitlow is survived by his wife, Mary Lynn  
15 Whitlow, and his daughters, Tracy (John) Abbott and Kristy  
16 Fozzard; therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of Bob  
20 Whitlow; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Bob Whitlow as an expression of our

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