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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 Lawrence "Coach" Hanzel of Beach Park, who passed away on May 14, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Hanzel was born on January 16, 1927, in North Chicago; he remained a lifelong resident of the North Chicago area; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Hanzel served his country with pride as a member of the United States Army as a paratrooper; after the end of the war, he attended the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated in 1952; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Hanzel began his teaching career at North Chicago Community High School as a teacher and football, basketball, and golf coach when the school opened in 1953; in 1963, he became the school's head basketball coach; in 1972, he was selected to serve as the school's Athletic Director, a position he held until his retirement; his winning records and his devotion to his athletes made him fondly known as "Poppa Hawk"; he also served as the school's assistant football coach for 13 years; and

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WHEREAS, Lawrence Hanzel was preceded in death by his son,

1 Christopher Hanzel; his sister, Elaine DeGrazia; and his
2 parents, Helen and Leo Hanzel; and

3 WHEREAS, Lawrence Hanzel is survived by his wife, Marilyn
4 (nee Crawford) Hanzel; his children, Laurie (Hanzel) (Don)
5 Lindskog and her children, Derek Lindskog and Sarah (Lindskog)
6 (Nate) Swartzendruber; Richard (Debbie) Hanzel and his
7 children, Eric Hanzel, Justin Hanzel, Adam Hanzel, and Lauren
8 Hanzel; Steven Hanzel and his children, Amanda and Bradly
9 Hanzel; and MaryJo (Hanzel) (John) Fortin and children, Joseph
10 Diesi, Hannah Diesi, and Jillian Fortin; his brother, Richard
11 Hanzel; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Frank and Carol Hough
12 and Glen and Joan Johnson; his many nieces and nephews; and his
13 unborn great-grandchild; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
16 his family and friends, the passing of Lawrence "Coach" Hanzel;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Lawrence Hanzel as an expression of
20 our sympathy.