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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 Wayne McClain of Champaign, who passed away on October 15, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne McClain was born on January 15, 1954 in Peoria; he graduated from Manual High School in Peoria, where he played basketball; he earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Bradley University, where he also played basketball; he later earned his master's degree from Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne McClain began his teaching career at Blaine Sumner Middle School and Harrison Elementary School (now Harrison Community Learning Center) in Peoria; he then served as assistant basketball coach at Manual High School for 18 years, before being named head coach in 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne McClain coached the Manual High School Rams to 3 of the 4 consecutive State championships the school won between 1994 and 1997; in 1997, he was named National High School Coach of the Year and his squad was named National High School Champions; his teaching career included teaching 6th graders, high school physical education, and serving as interim Manual High School Dean of Students; and

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1 WHEREAS, Wayne McClain joined the University of Illinois
2 men's basketball coaching staff under Bill Self and stayed on
3 through Bruce Weber's tenure; he spent 11 years with Illinois,
4 the last 3 as assistant head coach; he was the longest tenured
5 assistant coach in the Big Ten until he left the school in
6 2012; he spent one year with Bruce Weber at Kansas State
7 University as Director of Student Development and then joined
8 Central High School in Champaign as head coach, where he guided
9 the Maroons to a regional title and a sectional win; as a
10 result, he was named All-Area Boys' Basketball Coach of the
11 Year; in 2005, he was named Best Dressed Coach; and

12 WHEREAS, Wayne McClain enjoyed family dinners, BBQs,
13 washing cars, and doing yard work; and

14 WHEREAS, Wayne McClain was preceded in death by his mother,
15 Rosetta McClain; a brother, Tony McClain; and a sister, Evelyn
16 McClain; and

17 WHEREAS, Wayne McClain is survived by his wife, Robin; his
18 son, Sergio McClain, Sr.; daughter, Brindeshie (expected
19 granddaughter, Brindisi McClain-Edwards) McClain; grandson,
20 Sergio McClain, Jr.; brothers, Puegot T., Jerry, and Eddie
21 (Dorothy) McClain; sisters, Rosie and Eunice McClain; and
22 countless friends and other family; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Wayne McClain, and extend our sincere condolences to his
4 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Wayne McClain as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.