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SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Barry Leon Nixon of Venice, Florida, who 4 passed away on October 8, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Barry Nixon was born in Bloomington on February 6 18, 1941 to Paul and Lois Nixon; he graduated from Mansfield 7 High School in 1958 and Eastern Illinois University in 1962; 8 and

WHEREAS, Barry Nixon began his teaching and coaching career at Bloomington High School, where he discovered his love of tennis; he led the Raiders to 2 State titles and multiple individual championships; he was a member of the Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame and received numerous other awards and recognitions; after retiring in 1994, he became the men's tennis coach at Illinois State University until 1999; and

WHEREAS, Barry Nixon is survived by his wife and best friend, Peggy Nixon; his sister, Dixie Mulligan; his sons, Steve Nixon and Eric (Ellen) Nixon; his step-sons, Erik (Annie) Borling and Karl Borling; his granddaughter, Julia; and his grandson, Brett; 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 Barry Leon Nixon, 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 Barry Nixon as an expression of our
- 8 deepest sympathy.