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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 Donald Lee Zimmerman, who passed away on March 22, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman was born in Mason City on August 20, 1929; he graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University and earned his master's degree in music education from the University of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman spent most of his career teaching music in Knoxville and Rockford; he also was an orchestra teacher at West High School and Guilford High School; and

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WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman was active in the Rockford music scene, playing trombone in jazz bands; he was the founder of the Rockford Chamber Orchestra and the Rockford Area Youth Symphony Orchestra (RAYSO); a joy of his life was spending summers with his family teaching music at the Amherst Summer Music Camp in Maine; after retiring from teaching, his passion turned to home building, designing some of the most creative homes in the Rockford area; he and his wife spent many winters at the Vineyards in Naples, Florida, where he enjoyed golf and made many wonderful friends; and

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1 WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman was co-founder of The Golden
2 Apple Award, given to recognize excellence in teaching; and

3 WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman was a member of the University
4 Club, the Rockford Country Club, and the Rotary Club (Cherry
5 Valley), where he received a Service Above Self award; he was
6 incredibly proud of his family and was always planning the next
7 "Zimmfest" to bring the family together in many great places,
8 including Green Lake, Colorado, Florida, and Jamaica; and

9 WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman was preceded in death by his
10 sons, David and Steven; his parents; and a brother and sister;
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12 WHEREAS, Donald Zimmerman is survived by his wife of 65
13 years, Betty; his children, Douglas (Joyce) and Brad (Julia);
14 his daughters-in-law, Arlene (Manuel) and Martha; his
15 grandchildren, Carrie Nicholas (Jeremy), Nicholas Zimmerman
16 (Suzanne), Keegan Zimmerman, Ashley Schwabero (Matt), Tyler
17 Zimmerman (Kelly), Colin Zimmerman, Rachael Zimmerman, Preston
18 Zimmerman, David Zimmerman, Allison Zimmerman, and Lindsey
19 Zimmerman; and his great-grandchildren, Kason, Wyatt, Everett,
20 Gwendolyn, Kaia, Caroline, Aubrey, and Wesson; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

1 Donald Lee Zimmerman, and extend our sincere condolences to his
2 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Donald Zimmerman as an expression of
6 our deepest sympathy.