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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 Craig Allan Baird, who passed away on March 26, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Craig Baird was born on April 9, 1953 in Harvard; his parents were Donald and Mary Baird; and

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WHEREAS, Craig Baird grew up in a small dairy town in Illinois; his mother ran Baird's Restaurant in downtown Harvard, where he worked with his brother Dick, his sister Jean, and his aunts; and

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WHEREAS, In 1973, Craig Baird moved to Arizona, where he earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education; he then became an inspirational teacher who touched many lives in both Phoenix and the Prescott area for 33 years; following his retirement in 2008, he began focusing on what he really loved: family time, writing letters and poetry, reading, playing tennis, walking the courthouse, socializing with friends, daily crossword puzzles, and gardening and traveling with his wife; and

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WHEREAS, Sports were a major part of Craig Baird's life, starting with backyard baseball with his brother and continuing

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1 to high school athletics, city league ball, and leisurely play;
2 throughout his childhood, he was exposed to Ernie and the Cubs,
3 along with music and the arts in his many trips to Chicago with
4 his Uncle Howard; and

5 WHEREAS, Craig Baird is survived by his wife, Debbie
6 Kuhnke; his sons, Andrew (Brittany), Eamon, Dillon, and Seth
7 Kuhnke (Ashley); his daughter, Kelcie Kuhnke; his sister, Jean
8 Barnes (Roy); his sister-in-law, Esther; his grandchildren,
9 Noe and Daisy; his wife from a previous marriage, Katie; and
10 his mother-in-law, Phyllis Reddel; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
13 family and friends, mourn the passing of Craig Allan Baird; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Craig Baird as an expression of our
17 sympathy.