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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 former North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, Gov. Hunt dedicated more than 50 years to public service, including serving as the Governor of North Carolina for four terms; as governor, he transformed education in North Carolina and across the country, and he became known as the country's first education governor; during his tenure, he developed the Smart Start program, created the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, advocated for higher teacher pay, established statewide kindergarten, and supported technology in every school and policy grounded in research; and

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WHEREAS, After leaving office in 2001, Gov. Hunt founded The Hunt Institute, a nonprofit organization to increase access to the best educational research and national resource experts and to provide a space across party lines to work on strengthening education policy; and

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WHEREAS, Gov. Hunt was noted for his ability to make those around him feel like the hard work they were doing actually mattered, and he will be remembered for his dedication to

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1 education, teachers, and students; and

2 WHEREAS, Gov. Hunt was the husband of Carolyn Hunt; the
3 father of four children, Rachel, Baxter, Elizabeth, and
4 Rebecca; and the grandfather and great-grandfather of many;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 former North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt Jr. and extend
9 our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who
10 knew and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Gov. Hunt as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.