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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 Richard E. "Dick" Dhabalt of Springfield, who passed away on September 11, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Dhabalt was born to Jerry and Lois Hansen Dhabalt in Cordova on September 20, 1936; he graduated from Moline High School in 1954; he graduated from Bradley University and the University of Illinois, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees; while at Bradley University, he belonged to the men's basketball team that won the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) in 1957 and was a Hall of Fame team member on the 1956-1957 basketball teams; he married Kathleen "Kathy" Dooley in Peoria on June 28, 1958, and she preceded him in death on April 15, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dick Dhabalt taught at Rock Falls High School for one year and Rich Township High School for eight years prior to joining the staff of Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC); as a founding faculty member of LLCC, he served the college for 23 years until his retirement in August 1993; during his tenure, he served as head coach of men's basketball for 20 years, athletic director for 20 years, and an instructor of Physical Education and Mathematics for 25 years; as LLCC's first athletic director, he coached and developed 11 sports; and

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1 WHEREAS, Dick Dhabalt was selected to serve as the Region
2 IV assistant director by the National Junior College Athletic
3 Association; he then served as the Region XXIV director; and

4 WHEREAS, Dick Dhabalt was inducted into the Region XXIV
5 Hall of Fame by the National Junior College Athletic
6 Association in 1991 and the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame in
7 2015; he was honored by LLCC with the inauguration of the male
8 and female Dick Dhabalt Athlete of the Year awards in 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, Dick Dhabalt was preceded in death by his wife;
10 his parents; his son, Drew Dhabalt; his brothers, Denny and
11 Larry Dhabalt; and his sister, Connie Anderson; and

12 WHEREAS, Dick Dhabalt is survived by his sons, Richard
13 "Rick" (Sheri) Dhabalt and Daniel "Dan" Dhabalt; his
14 daughters, Deborah "Debbie" McCoy and Victoria "Vicki"
15 Compton; his daughter-in-law, Melanie Dhabalt; his
16 grandchildren, Brittney, Trey (Lexi), Tim, Matt, and Amy
17 Dhabalt, Emily (Brock) Pries, Tricia McCoy, and Sydney
18 Compton; his great-grandsons, Brody and Beckett; his
19 sister-in-law, Sue Dhabalt; and his brother-in-law, Jim
20 Dooley; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Richard E. "Dick" Dhabalt and extend our sincere condolences
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Dick Dhabalt as an expression of our
7 deepest sympathy.