

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois learned with regret of the death of James C.
4 Bonfield of Downers Grove on Saturday, October 25, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bonfield was born in Chicago and raised in
6 Bellwood; he graduated in 1968 from Proviso West High School
7 and attended Western Illinois University, where he received a
8 bachelor of science degree in education in 1972; he married
9 his high school sweetheart, Annette, the same year; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1972, he joined the Downers Grove South High
11 School staff as a physical education and general science
12 teacher; he went on to teach health education and was one of
13 the first at his school to implement a health education
14 curriculum that he had written; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Bonfield loved sports and coached all levels
16 of football as well as wrestling; in 1980, he became a dean
17 of students and was named head dean in 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Bonfield was a member of Divine Savior
19 Catholic Church and past president of the Illinois State
20 Deans' Association; he was a two-time recipient of the Those
21 Who Excel award given by the Illinois State Board of
22 Education; he also was a negotiator for the Downers Grove
23 Education Association; and

24 WHEREAS, In later years, Mr. Bonfield received a master's
25 degree in health education from George Williams College and a
26 certificate of advanced study from the University of
27 Illinois; and

28 WHEREAS, The passing of Mr. Bonfield has been deeply felt
29 by many, especially his wife, Annette; his son, James; and
30 his mother, Eleanor; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
3 of a man who dedicated his life to the education of young
4 people, and we extend our sincerest condolences to his
5 family, friends, former students, colleagues, and all who
6 knew and loved him; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Mr. Bonfield as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.