

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Matthias F. Laurich of Aurora, who  
4 passed away April 8, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Laurich was born May 27, 1938, in Joliet and  
6 was a graduate of Joliet Catholic High School; he graduated  
7 from St. Louis Benedict College in Atchison, Kansas in 1959,  
8 and earned a Masters degree from Northern Illinois University  
9 in 1967; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Laurich married Mary Beth Oswald on November  
11 28, 1959, in Boonville, Missouri; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Laurich taught at his Alma Mater, Joliet  
13 Catholic High School, until 1967; he then became head coach  
14 for several high school football teams including Marmion  
15 Military Academy from 1967 through 1971, Fenwick High School  
16 in Oak Park from 1971 through 1975; Mr. Laurich was the first  
17 head football coach and head of the math department at  
18 Waubonsie Valley High School from 1975 until his death; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to coaching football, Mr. Laurich  
20 was a very well respected basketball official, having worked  
21 thousands of high school and college games; throughout the  
22 years, he was proud to have officiated over 200 IHSA Class A  
23 and Class AA playoff games, including the Class AA finals;  
24 for many years he was also an official for area baseball and  
25 softball games; and

26 WHEREAS, During the summer, for 26 years, Mr. Laurich  
27 enjoyed coaching the swim team at the Glen Oak Country Club,  
28 where he also managed the pool; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Laurich will be deeply missed by all those  
30 who knew him and loved him, especially his wife, Mary Beth  
31 Laurich, his six children, Matt (Sue) Laurich, Michele (Tom)

1 Richardson, Mark (Christina) Laurich, Mike (Colleen) Laurich,  
2 Marty (Julie) Laurich, and Misty Laurich (her fiancée,  
3 Michael O'Connell); his 12 grandchildren, Stephen, Christina,  
4 and Nicole Richardson; Matt, Joseph, and Emily Laurich; Luke,  
5 Joshua, and Noah Laurich; Samantha and T.J. Laurich; and Ben  
6 Laurich; therefore, be it

7       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL  
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
9 his family and friends, the passing of Matthias F. Laurich of  
10 Aurora; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to the family of Matthias F. Laurich with our most  
13 sincere condolences.