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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Eric Thomas Hyatt of Gibson City, who 4 passed away on July 21, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Eric Hyatt was born in Gibson City to Wilber 6 Francis and Doris Ann (Hinrichsen) Hyatt on February 4, 1970; 7 and

WHEREAS, Eric Hyatt served as a Fairbury police officer for six years and a Gibson City police officer for 11 years; he was promoted to Gibson City Chief of Police in October of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Eric Hyatt was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Anchor and an active member of the Gibson City Youth Baseball League, where he focused on fundraising and was a longtime coach; he was an avid fisherman, raced remote control cars, and loved the St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues; his greatest joy was watching his own children participate in sports; and

WHEREAS, Eric Hyatt was an advocate for early colon cancer screening; he was an active member of The Colon Club education and support group, where he was a calendar model for the 2013 Colon Club "Colonder"; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Eric Hyatt was preceded in death by his parents;
- 2 his brother, Dennis Kelly; and his best friend, Shaun Ellis;
- 3 and
- WHEREAS, Eric Hyatt is survived by his wife of 15 years,
- 5 Jami (Grider) Hyatt; his children, Ashley Ann, Shaun Charles,
- and Avery Lynn; his brothers, Terry (Jo Ann) Kelly, Steven
- 7 (Jamie) Kelly, and twin brother, Kevin (Angela) Hyatt; and the
- 8 family's honorary mom, Beverly Ellis; therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- 10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 11 Eric Thomas Hyatt, and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 12 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 13 further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 15 presented to the family of Eric Hyatt as an expression of our
- deepest sympathy.