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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 Mark Evans of Elk Grove Village, who passed away on September 15, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Evans was a lifelong resident of Elk Grove Village; he graduated from Elk Grove High School and then enlisted in the United States Air Force National Guard in 1979; he served in Africa, Central America, Japan, Area 51 in the Mojave Desert, and the Demilitarized Zone that separates North and South Korea; he remained an active service member for 26 years; after his retirement, he still felt a strong connection to his brothers and sisters-in-arms and wanted to show appreciation for their service; and

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WHEREAS, Mark Evans co-founded the nonprofit organization, Pizzas4Patriots, with his family in 2008; its mission is to comfort active service members, first responders, and veterans by providing one of the most popular American Foods while they're far away from home, whether it be fighting on the front lines, providing humanitarian relief, or recovering in a veteran's facility; the continued goal of the organization is to deliver a slice of pizza to active service members on the days the United States celebrates the freedom they continue to fight for: Memorial Day, The Fourth of July, Veteran's Day, and

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1 Superbowl Sunday; the organization has shipped over 160,000
2 pizzas and fed over 650,000 soldiers around the world; and

3 WHEREAS, Mark Evans, who is known as Sergeant Pizza by his
4 fellow servicemen and women, has received several humanitarian
5 awards and commendations for his charitable acts; and

6 WHEREAS, Mark Evans was preceded in death by his father,
7 Robert Evans; and

8 WHEREAS, Mark Evans is survived by his mother, Clara Evans;
9 his wife, Gail; his children, Melissa Hammond, Samantha Evans,
10 and Kent Evans; his grandchildren, Nicholas and Benjamin
11 Hammond; his siblings, Robert (Kim) Evans, Susan (Craig) Duan,
12 Tom Evans, Jim (Nancy) Evans, Christopher (Kim) Evans, and
13 Edith Woloszyk; and many nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Mark Evans, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
17 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Mark Evans as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.