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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 Brandon Kitchens of Naperville, who passed away on July 25, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Brandon Kitchens was born on August 20, 1983 in Warner Robins, Georgia; his parents were Patrick and Barbara Kitchens; and

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WHEREAS, Brandon Kitchens graduated from Naperville North High School in 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Brandon Kitchens served four years in the United States Air Force, where he briefed thousands of crews of airmen in Germany on the hazards they would face in the skies over Iraq; he had been lent by the Air Force to the Army, which needed personnel trained in intelligence, and was deployed to Iraq to investigate the risks on the ground and then brief convoy drivers and others; he served three tours of duty in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan, where he traveled with convoys, evaluated areas to build airstrips, and ducked for cover during a bombing of the Green Zone in Baghdad; and

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WHEREAS, After his return from Iraq, Brandon Kitchens worked for Chicago 2016, an organization devoted to bringing

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1 the 2016 Olympics to Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, Brandon Kitchens was a fanatical lover of sports,  
3 especially soccer; he loved the Chicago Fire soccer team so  
4 much that he got a tattoo of the Fire logo on his leg at a time  
5 it was unclear how long the team would last; and

6 WHEREAS, Brandon Kitchens is survived by his parents; his  
7 brother, Chad Kitchens; his maternal grandmother, Margaret  
8 Knighton; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and

9 WHEREAS, Brandon Kitchens will be remembered by all who  
10 knew and loved him as a determined and intelligent man with a  
11 wild side; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
14 his family and friends, the passing of Brandon Kitchens; and be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Brandon Kitchens and  
17 his willingness to serve our country; and be it further

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