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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
- 3 to learn of the death of Preston Humphrey Jr. of St. Louis,
- 4 Missouri, who passed away on August 31, 2021; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Preston Humphrey Jr. was born on May 29, 1972; he
- 6 earned his Juris Doctor from Washington University in St.
- 7 Louis School of Law in 1997; he lived in the Soulard
- 8 neighborhood of St. Louis; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Preston Humphrey Jr. was serving as the federal
- 10 public defender for the southern district of Illinois at the
- 11 time of his passing; he was formally appointed to that role in
- 12 August 2020; prior to that, he served as the first assistant
- 13 public defender; before joining the public defender's office,
- 14 he served in private practice for years; he was noted by his
- 15 peers for being an outstanding attorney who fought valiantly
- 16 for his clients; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Preston Humphrey Jr. was a big fan of the St.
- 18 Louis Cardinals and an avid darts player; he was active in
- 19 Mardi Gras events in Soulard; and
- WHEREAS, Preston Humphrey Jr. was a son, a brother, and a
- 21 friend; he was known for his wit, humor, and loyalty; he will

1 be remembered as a quality individual of the highest order;

- 2 and
- 3 WHEREAS, Preston Humphrey Jr. was preceded in death by his
- 4 father; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Preston Humphrey Jr. is survived by his mother
- and his two older sisters; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
- 8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 9 Preston Humphrey Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 11 further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 13 presented to the family of Preston Humphrey Jr. as an
- expression of our deepest sympathy.