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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 Austin Joe McEwen of Caseyville, who passed away on December 11, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Austin McEwen was born in Belleville on March 29, 1995; he graduated from Collinsville High School in 2013 where he played baseball and hockey; before playing for Collinsville, he played hockey for the O'Fallon Panthers; he also played club hockey for the Southern Illinois IceHawks and the Affton Americans; his love and passion for the game earned him a scholarship to McKendree University where he played for the Bearcats for two years; he graduated from Vatterott College; and

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WHEREAS, Austin McEwen worked for Amazon as a delivery driver; and

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WHEREAS, Austin McEwen was a member of the Wild Rural Park Hunting Club; and

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WHEREAS, Austin McEwen loved bird hunting, especially pheasants and turkeys, going to concerts, and traveling with the love of his life, Sarah Biermann; he had a big heart and would do anything for anyone; and

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1           WHEREAS, Austin McEwen was preceded in death by his  
2 maternal grandparents, Jack C. and Doris Merritt Sr.; his  
3 paternal grandmother, Darlene McEwen; his many aunts and  
4 uncles; and his dog, Vapor; and

5           WHEREAS, Austin McEwen is survived by his parents, Randall  
6 Joe and Alice (Merritt) McEwen; his love, Sarah Biermann and  
7 her two sons, Connor and Aiden; his paternal grandfather,  
8 Billy Joe McEwen; his cousins, Dylan and Dayle McEwen; his  
9 three aunts, Melody McEwen, April (Steve) Starr, and Donna  
10 (John) Lowe; his many dear cousins; his friends that were like  
11 family; and his canine companions, Myst, Bleu, and Delta;  
12 therefore, be it

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

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