WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James Francis "Jimmy" Mitchell of Wilmette, who passed away on January 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, James Mitchell was a native Chicagoan and a long-time fan of the Chicago Cubs; in 1977, he graduated from St. Patrick High School, where he was the first wrestler inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame; he subsequently earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, James Mitchell was preceded in death by his mother, Maxine (nee Miller), and his sisters-in-law, Debbie and Kathy; and

WHEREAS, James Mitchell was the devoted and cherished partner of Kristen Poplar; the proud father to Dante and Luca Mitchell; the loving son of Thomas Francis; the loving brother of Tommy (Patty), Sheila (Mel) Loftus, Mary Beth (Mike) O'Connor, Michael, Timothy, John, Dennis (Val), Anne (Billy) Gentile, and Megan (John) Moroney; and the uncle of 31 nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of James Francis "Jimmy" Mitchell; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of James Mitchell as an expression of our sympathy.