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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Specialist Henry Jarrett "Mitch" Mayfield Jr. bravely served our country in the United States Army, selflessly dedicating his time on earth to protecting our lives and keeping our families safe; and

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WHEREAS, SPC Mayfield, age 23, of Hazel Crest was killed in action on January 5, 2020 from injuries sustained during a terror attack on the Manda Bay Airfield in Kenya; and

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WHEREAS, After attending Northern Illinois University, SPC Mayfield enlisted in the Army; he joined the U.S. Army on August 21, 2017 and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment, 164th Theater Airfield Operations Group, Fort Rucker, Alabama; and

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WHEREAS, SPC Mayfield was described by the commander of Air Traffic Services Command as an individual who inspired those with whom he served to excel both on and off duty; he received numerous awards and commendations, including the Bronze Star Medal (posthumous), the Purple Heart, (posthumous), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge (posthumous), the

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1 Combat and Special Skill Basic Marksmanship Qualification
2 Badge, the Weapon Bar: Rifle, the Sharpshooter Bar, and the
3 Overseas Service Bar; and

4 WHEREAS, SPC Mayfield graduated from Hillcrest High School
5 in Country Club Hills, where he enjoyed playing sports,
6 especially basketball, and spending time with family; and

7 WHEREAS, SPC Mayfield is survived by his father and
8 stepmother, Henry J. Mayfield Sr. and Carmoneta
9 Horton-Mayfield, and eight siblings; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Specialist Henry Jarrett "Mitch" Mayfield Jr. and extend our
13 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
14 and loved him; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of SPC Mayfield as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.