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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 Christian Jon "CJ" Law, who passed away on December 14, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, CJ Law, the son of Demetrius and LaTanya Law, was born on January 8, 2002; from a young age, his love for animals was evident as he lovingly cared for a bearded dragon, a cat, and his dog, Wheatie; he also possessed a passion for athletics, earning USATF National Junior Olympics Indoor All-American honors in the 400-meter race in 2016 and competing with distinction for the Zephyrs Track Club, the St. Rita High School football team, and the Tinley Park High School track and field team, where he was part of the school's first-ever qualifying 4x100 and 4x200 relay teams; and

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WHEREAS, CJ Law earned his Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Sciences from Tuskegee University, where he was a member of the football team, earned SIAC All-Academic Honors, and became a legacy member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Gamma Epsilon Chapter, in 2022; during his college career, he was recognized as a Pre-Vet Med Scholar and an honors student, and he worked at VCA Animal Hospital, the Tuskegee Biology Laboratory, and the Tuskegee University Farm; and

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1 WHEREAS, CJ Law participated in the Vet Up! program at
2 Purdue University, where his groundbreaking research on
3 Alzheimer's disease in chimpanzees earned him the award for
4 Best Capstone Project, and he completed the qualifications to
5 receive his certification in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
6 in Veterinary Medicine; he conducted significant research and
7 earned clinical experiences at the University of Florida,
8 Purdue University, and the United States Department of
9 Agriculture (USDA); he contributed to important studies on
10 dairy cow nutrition, immune response, and heat stress
11 tolerance, assisted in diagnostics and surgical procedures,
12 and gained extensive experience in USDA food safety and
13 compliance; most recently, he pursued studies at Ross
14 University School of Veterinary Medicine; and

15 WHEREAS, CJ Law was an adventurer at heart who embraced
16 life with enthusiasm and curiosity while welcoming new
17 experiences, including surfing and parasailing, with joy and
18 fearlessness; and

19 WHEREAS, CJ Law was kind, disciplined, thoughtful, and
20 deeply devoted to his family; he lived quietly but powerfully,
21 inspiring others through his work ethic, integrity, and
22 generous spirit, and his life will serve as a testament to
23 faith, perseverance, and purpose; and

1 WHEREAS, CJ Law was preceded in death by his father,
2 Demetrius Law; his grandmother, PeCola Law; and his
3 grandfathers, Jon Law and De Armond Mathews; and

4 WHEREAS, CJ Law is survived by his mother, LaTanya Law;
5 his brother, William Caldwell; his grandmother, Rhonda "Nana"
6 Mathews; his uncles, De Armond (Courtney) Mathews Jr. and
7 Ber'Tram Law Jr.; his aunts, DeMeica Mathews and Ouidie
8 Pollard; his godmother, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford; his
9 bonus father, Honorable Consul Michael Fountain; and a vast
10 community of family, friends, mentors, and brothers;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Christian Jon "CJ" Law and extend our sincere condolences to
15 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of CJ Law as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.