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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Luke William Peterson of Chatham, who
4 passed away on May 25, 2026; and

5 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson was born to Emily (Reid) and Chad
6 Peterson in Chicago on September 19, 2012; he and his family
7 moved to Springfield in 2014, and he proceeded to attend
8 Ball-Chatham Community Unit School District 5 to start
9 kindergarten, where he was quickly labeled a quiet leader; and

10 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson, known by many as an exceptional
11 baseball and basketball player in the Springfield and Chatham
12 communities, took a deep interest in athletics from an early
13 age and proved to be a natural at most sports he tried; he
14 loved competing, especially against his brother, Reid, and
15 their one-on-one competitions were heated but full of
16 laughter; and

17 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson was a hard worker, spending
18 countless hours shooting hoops, pitching, taking batting
19 practice, and attending developmental camps; before long, he
20 earned a spot on a series of highly-competitive traveling
21 teams; as a gifted player, he often played up a level with
22 teammates who were a year older; his ability, commitment, and

1 kindness made him a beloved member on each team he joined,
2 earning him countless friends along the way; and

3 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson was an intense competitor who wore
4 #53, when possible, to honor his grandfather's race car
5 number; a talented left-handed pitcher with a smooth, powerful
6 swing, he also displayed a natural grace of movement and
7 tremendous vision on the basketball court; he developed a
8 reputation among his coaches and teammates for delivering
9 intense, high-stakes moments, earning him the nickname "Cool
10 Man Luke"; his poise under pressure translated into some
11 triumphant plays and dramatic victories over the course of his
12 career; in his typically understated manner, he would
13 celebrate such moments with a quick fist pump, a headshake,
14 and a satisfied smile; and

15 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson, though quiet, still possessed
16 plenty of swagger and personality; he had confidence in his
17 style from a young age, wearing flashy clothes, sporting lots
18 of athletic gear to match his favorite players, and rocking a
19 long-flowing mullet by age seven; in his early years, he loved
20 dressing up, wearing a Paw Patrol or Ninja Turtles costume on a
21 seemingly daily basis; and

22 WHEREAS, Beyond his athletic pursuits, Luke Peterson loved
23 spending time with his friends, especially his brothers in

1 life, Levi Isringhausen and Jace Meier, and his cousin, Fiona
2 Corley; though he was always popular among his peers, he
3 remained inclusive and had an innate sweetness to him, always
4 looking to connect with people and bring them into his circle;
5 he also enjoyed spending time with his younger cousins,
6 flashing his radiant, slow smile as they sang and danced
7 around the room; and

8 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson was an exceptional son who adored
9 his parents and looked up to his brother, Reid, and he will be
10 remembered as a humble, compassionate, and charismatic young
11 man who pursued excellence in everything he did; and

12 WHEREAS, Luke Peterson is survived by his mother; his
13 father; his brother; his grandparents, Jerry and Lynn Peterson
14 and Jack and Sue Reid; his great-grandmother, Kathryn "Kit"
15 Refine; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Luke William Peterson and extend our sincere condolences to
20 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Luke Peterson as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.