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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 Captain Jake Ringering of Godfrey, who passed away in the line of duty on March 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Ringering was born in Alton on December 14, 1981; he was the son of Robin (Ballard) Disney and her husband, Reverend Stephen Disney, and Larry Ringering and his wife, Jan; he graduated from East Alton Wood River High School in 2000; he earned an associate's degree in fire science from Lewis & Clark Community College in 2004; he also earned his Emergency Medical Technician License; he married Allison Budde at St. Mary's Catholic Church on January 3, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Ringering began his career as a paid, on-call firefighter in East Alton on February 20, 2001; he was hired as a career firefighter in East Alton on December 20, 2005; on August 5, 2010, he was hired as a career firefighter at Godfrey Fire Protection District, where he attained the rank of lieutenant on March 27, 2013 and Captain on May 1, 2014; he also served as a lead instructor for the department, the technical rescue officer, and the respiratory protection officer; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Ringering earned several certifications

1 from the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal, including
2 Firefighter II, Firefighter III, Basic Operations Firefighter,
3 Advanced Technician Firefighter, Fire Officer I, Hazardous
4 Materials Awareness, Technical Rescue Awareness, Fire Service
5 Vehicle Operator, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Vehicle and
6 Machinery Operations, Rescue Specialist-Confined Space,
7 Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations, Rope
8 Operations, Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Service Instructor
9 II, Fire Investigator, and Rescue Specialist-Vertical II/High
10 Angle; and

11 WHEREAS, Captain Ringering was dedicated to public
12 service; a leader who always wanted to help others, he served
13 as president of the Godfrey Firefighters Local 1692 and taught
14 Fire Science at Lewis & Clark Community College; he was also a
15 trainer and instructor through Max Fire Training; he was a
16 member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton; he was a devoted
17 husband and father and always put his family first; he was a
18 loving son, brother, and son-in-law who never met a stranger;
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20 WHEREAS, Captain Ringering was preceded in death by his
21 grandparents, Lucien and Marjorie Ringering and Captain Ed
22 Ballard; and

23 WHEREAS, Captain Ringering is survived by his parents; his

1 wife, Allison; his children, Nora Marie Ringering, Elaina Lynn
2 Ringering, and Logan Jacob Ringering; his brother, Chris
3 (Richel) Stratton; his sister, Julie (Jedediah) Downs; his
4 grandmother, Thelma Ballard; his wife's parents, Robert and
5 Susan Budde; his sister-in-law, Andrea Budde; his
6 brother-in-law, Andrew Budde; his nieces and nephews, Jaden,
7 Jerald, Jolene, and Jacqueline Downs, Landon and Levi Stratton,
8 and Jackson Budde; and his many aunts, uncles, and cousins;
9 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 Captain Jake Ringering and extend our sincere condolences to
13 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
14 further

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