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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 Joe "Wayne" Gragg Jr. of Springfield, who passed away on April 11, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gragg was born to Joe Wayne Gragg Sr. and Susan Cleora Hogan in Springfield on June 23, 1968; he graduated from Southeast High School in 1986 and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for eight years; he married Tomoko Davis in 1991 and later married Jacqueline Sims in 2000; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gragg worked for many years in the field of fiber optics and then with the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement on March 24, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gragg was a member of the American Legion Post 809; he was an avid studier and teacher of Hebrew biblical studies; he enjoyed fishing and a good laugh and was a very charismatic person who left a lasting impression on those he met; he had a repository of information and could always hold meaningful and thought-provoking conversations; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Gragg was preceded in death by his mother, Susan Lewis; his paternal grandparents, Wordia and Bernice Gragg; his maternal grandfather, Harlan Hogan; his maternal

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1 grandparents, Robert and Rosemary Moore; his brother, Shawn
2 Gragg; and his brother-in-law, Timothy Sims; and

3 WHEREAS, Wayne Gragg is survived by his wife of 20 years,
4 Jacqueline Gragg; his children, Taylor (Miles) Ray, Devan
5 Gragg, Gershon Gragg, and Keziah Gragg; his father, Joe Wayne
6 (Diann) Gragg Sr.; his step-father, Eugene Lewis; his siblings,
7 Michael Gragg, Colin Gragg, and Jenna Hickman; his
8 sisters-in-law, Chantelle Gragg and Ashley Sims; his
9 brothers-in-law, Craig, John, and Herman Sims; and his aunts,
10 uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; therefore, be it

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

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Wayne Gragg as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.