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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Brent Paterson has served as the interim vice president of Student Affairs, the senior associate vice president for Student Affairs, and the chief of staff at Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Brent Paterson is retiring after years of service at Illinois State University; and

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WHEREAS, Brent Paterson has been described as having the students' needs at the forefront of his decisions and as being committed to doing whatever he can to enhance the college experience of his staff; and

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WHEREAS, After spending 17 years in student affairs at Texas A&M University, Brent Paterson joined Illinois State University as associated vice president for Student Affairs in 2001; he had oversight of the Bone Student Center, Braden Auditorium, Campus Dining Services, Campus Recreation, the Student Fitness Center, University Housing Services, and University Police; and

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WHEREAS, Brent Paterson has also served as a clinical assistant professor in Educational Foundations and Administration, teaching in the master's program; and

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1           WHEREAS, Brent Paterson worked to build a campus life  
2 focused on student engagement, inclusion, and pride in  
3 Illinois State University; and

4           WHEREAS, Brent Paterson holds a Ph.D. in higher education  
5 administration from the University of Denver, a master's  
6 degree in counseling from the University of Memphis, and a  
7 bachelor's degree in education from Lambuth College in  
8 Jackson, Tennessee; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2011, Brent Paterson received Illinois State's  
10 Neal R. Gamsky Award in recognition of his outstanding  
11 contributions to the quality of life for students; therefore,  
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13           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare June 30,  
15 2021 to be Brent Paterson Day in order to commemorate his  
16 accomplishments and acknowledge his years of work in higher  
17 education, especially at Illinois State University; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
20 Brent Paterson as a symbol of our respect and esteem.