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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Captain Jason Wade Hitch, formerly of
4 Champaign-Urbana and Normal, who passed away on December 14,
5 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Cpt. Hitch was born in Champaign on December 18,
7 1975; he attended Holy Cross Elementary School; he graduated
8 from Champaign Central High School in 1994; he earned his
9 Bachelor of Science from Illinois State University in 2001;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Cpt. Hitch served in the U.S. Army Reserves; his
12 proudest accomplishment was attaining the rank of first
13 lieutenant while stationed out of Lakeland, Florida; he
14 attained the rank of captain posthumously; and

15 WHEREAS, Cpt. Hitch owned and operated several businesses
16 in Champaign, including A Pampered Pet, Puttin' on the Dog,
17 Balloon Creations, and Jason's Balloons and Spoons; he
18 successfully sold car parts, memorabilia, and cosmetics on
19 eBay; he also started the online snack business Gifting Fun;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Cpt. Hitch starred in season 2 of 90 Day Fiance,

1 in which he married Cassia Taveras of Brazil; they were
2 divorced in 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, Cpt. Hitch dearly loved his Shetland Sheepdogs,
4 Frank and Shara; he was an avid car lover and could often be
5 found working with his father on old Mercedes or El Caminos, of
6 which he owned four; he was especially proud of his '87 El
7 Camino, which he lovingly restored; and

8 WHEREAS, Cpt. Hitch is survived by his father, Ron; his
9 siblings, Ryan Hitch and Shannon (Kendric) Speagle; and his
10 nieces and nephews, Ellis, Vivienne, Clementine, and Lyndon
11 Speagle; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Captain Jason Wade Hitch 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 Cpt. Hitch as an expression of our
19 deepest sympathy.