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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 Clayton "Clay" Lynn Cope of Alton, who passed away on December 11, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Clay Cope was born to Lynn E. Cope and Carla M. Cope in Alton on December 27, 1991; he served in the U.S. Navy for six years and toured on the USS Eisenhower, reaching the rank of AT3 (AW); and

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WHEREAS, While in the Navy, Clay Cope received a series of awards and decorations, including the national defense service medal and the global war of terrorism expeditionary medal; and

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WHEREAS, Clay Cope died unexpectedly following a tornado incident at his place of work; he was helping others find shelter shortly before his passing; he will be remembered as a beloved son, brother, and friend; and

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WHEREAS, Clay Cope is survived by his parents and his two sisters, Rachel B. Cope and Alexandra M. Cope; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of

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1 Clayton "Clay" Lynn Cope and extend our sincere condolences to
2 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to the family of Clay Cope as an expression of our
6 deepest sympathy.