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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Zachary A. "Zack" Defreitas of  
4 Springfield, who passed away on March 17, 2023; and

5           WHEREAS, Zack Defreitas was born to John Charles and  
6 Michelle Lynn Richards Defreitas in Peoria on October 2, 1992;  
7 he moved with his family to Springfield in the mid-1990s; he  
8 played youth hockey with the Springfield Kings, the Peoria Jr.  
9 Rivermen, and the Pekin Dragons before embarking on a junior  
10 hockey run with the Danville Inferno and Peoria Mustangs; he  
11 graduated from Springfield High School in 2010; he earned his  
12 bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and Media Arts from  
13 Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in May 2016; he  
14 married Erica Davis at Washington Park in Springfield on April  
15 23, 2022; and

16           WHEREAS, Zack Defreitas was employed as Director of  
17 Marketing and Communications for the Springfield Jr. Blues,  
18 where he worked since 2018; he also served as the play-by-play  
19 announcer for the Springfield Jr. Blues and became popular  
20 with the team's fan base; he formerly served as the  
21 broadcaster for the Springfield Sliders baseball team in the  
22 summer of 2021; and

1           WHEREAS, Zack Defreitas had an undying passion for hockey,  
2 with his favorite team being the St. Louis Blues; he enjoyed  
3 taking long drives, watching WWE and old movies, traveling,  
4 listening to music, and researching historical events; and

5           WHEREAS, Zack Defreitas was preceded in death by his  
6 maternal grandfather, Denny Richards; and

7           WHEREAS, Zack Defreitas is survived by his wife, Erica  
8 Defreitas; his father, John Defreitas; mother, Michelle  
9 (husband, Jesse) Defreitas; his brothers, Nicholas Defreitas  
10 and Bradley (fiancé, Samantha) Defreitas; his maternal  
11 grandmother, Marie Richards; his paternal grandmother, Joanne  
12 Defreitas; his paternal grandfather, Charles Defreitas; his  
13 several professional friendships, including Tyler Rennette,  
14 Todd Pockocke, and Dan Ferguson; and his many friends who  
15 became family; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Zachary A. "Zack" Defreitas and extend our sincere condolences  
19 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be  
20 it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Zack Defreitas as an expression of

1 our deepest sympathy.