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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 Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department Captain Tad David Robison (Ret.) of Andalusia, who passed away on April 2, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Robison was born to David and Sharon (Dreessen) Robison on September 12, 1970; growing up, he was an active member in Boy Scouts Troop #425; he married Michelle Proksch of Moline on July 4, 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Robison served in the Illinois National Guard; during his service, he received a number of accolades, including the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Illinois Long and Honorable Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Robison began his love for firefighting as a volunteer firefighter in Coyne Center and Sherrard; he started his professional firefighting career at the Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department in March 2001, where he reached the rank of captain; when he accepted the position as a firefighter, he also took on the chef role in the firehouse and became known for producing delicious and plentiful amounts of food; he retired after 20 years of service in March 2021; and

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1 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Rock Island Arsenal
2 Fire Department, Capt. Robison received the Civilian Service
3 Commendation Medal, the Life Saving Hero of the Day award, and
4 numerous letters of commendation for service to the Rock
5 Island Arsenal; and

6 WHEREAS, Capt. Robison additionally served as an off-ice
7 official for the Quad City Mallards and Storm hockey teams;
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9 WHEREAS, Capt. Robison enjoyed coaching and watching his
10 daughter, Kaitlyn, play softball, starting with T-ball and
11 going all the way to watching her play in college and Italy; he
12 was a proud "Papa" to his grandson, Lorenzo David, who
13 experienced his first hunting season with his grandfather last
14 November; he loved hunting, fishing, and having a drink with
15 all of his friends that he loved like brothers, and some of his
16 fondest memories were made during their fishing trips to Lake
17 Erie and the Hunters Prayer at the Iverson Garage every
18 November; and

19 WHEREAS, Capt. Robison was very proud of his family,
20 friends, and his career as a firefighter; he will be
21 remembered for his strength, his determination, and his
22 passion for his job; and

1 WHEREAS, Capt. Robison was preceded in death by his
2 grandparents, Ken and Marjorie Dreessen and Jesse and Pauline
3 Robison; his uncles, Jesse JR Robison and Hank Hanson; and his
4 many pets; and

5 WHEREAS, Capt. Robison is survived by his wife, Michelle;
6 his daughter, Kaitlyn (Gino) DeGeorge; his grandson; his
7 parents; his sister, Tara (Brad) Stauffer; his niece, Kelsa
8 Stauffer; his aunts, Pat (Jay) Thomas and Jackie Hanson; his
9 special friends, Adam Clark, Don Henry, and Mike Iverson; his
10 firefighter family; and his large extended family; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
14 Rock Island Arsenal Fire Department Captain Tad David Robison
15 (Ret.) and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
16 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Capt. Robison as an expression of
19 our deepest sympathy.