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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 Kevin William Sanders, native of Palos Hills and former Plainfield resident, who passed away on April 17, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Kevin Sanders was born outside Chicago on October 13, 1979, to Duane and Sandra Sanders; he grew up in Palos Hills and graduated from Marist High School in 1997; he graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in animal science and from Parkland College in 2003 with a veterinary technician certification; and

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WHEREAS, Kevin Sanders held several registered veterinary technician positions in Champaign; Plainfield; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Waco, Texas; and Hewitt, Texas; he taught at Fox College in Tinley Park and McLennan Community College in Waco, Texas; he worked with the Plainfield Emergency Management Agency for 5 years before moving to Texas and beginning work with the Bruceville-Eddy Volunteer Fire Department; he had recently passed the emergency medical technician skills test; and

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WHEREAS, Kevin Sanders was among the first responders

1 killed in an explosion at a West, Texas, fertilizer plant after
2 they answered the call to battle a fire; and

3 WHEREAS, Kevin Sanders loved caring for animals, working on
4 cars, listening to music and attending concerts, watching the
5 Chicago Bears and Fighting Illini, playing paintball, and
6 spending time with his family; and

7 WHEREAS, Kevin Sanders was preceded in death by his father;
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9 WHEREAS, Kevin Sanders is survived by his wife, Sarah
10 Sanders; his son, Reeve Sanders; his mother, Sandra Sanders;
11 his maternal grandmother, Eleanore Frey; his sister, Jeanette
12 (Tim) White; his brother, Scott (Allison Muscolino) Sanders;
13 and many friends and extended family; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
16 Kevin Sanders, honor the sacrifice he made while rendering aid
17 to others, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
18 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Kevin Sanders as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.