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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Jaylon McKenzie of Belleville, who passed away on May 5, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Jaylon McKenzie was born to Sukeena and Otis Gunner on November 29, 2004; he attended Central Junior High in Belleville during the fall 2018 term; he transferred to Mason-Clark Middle School in East St. Louis for the spring; and

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WHEREAS, Jaylon McKenzie had wanted to play football since he was three-years-old; his talent was on the radar of major college programs, including the University of Illinois and the University of Missouri; he had already received scholarship offers; in October 2018, Sports Illustrated featured him as one of "six teens who will rule the future of sports"; he played basketball and participated in track and field, but football was his favorite; he followed a daily routine that included school, practice, and homework; and

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WHEREAS, Jaylon McKenzie was dedicated to being the best athlete and student he could be; he was a silent leader; he did not say much; he led; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Jaylon McKenzie and extend our sincere
3 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
4 him; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Jaylon McKenzie as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.