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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 U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan J. Epley, formerly of Arnold, Missouri, who passed away on November 15, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, CW2 Epley was born to Jack and Ciaran (Siecers) Epley in Clarksville, Tennessee on October 21, 1998; and

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WHEREAS, CW2 Epley was a brilliant Black Hawk helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army; at the time of his passing, he was serving on active duty while stationed in California; and

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WHEREAS, CW2 Epley loved flying helicopters and playing disc golf; and

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WHEREAS, CW2 Epley was a wise, kind soul who loved unconditionally, made everyone he met feel welcome and comfortable, and could make anyone laugh; he will be remembered as a true officer and a gentleman; and

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WHEREAS, CW2 Epley is survived by his parents; his sisters, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Chloe Heckman and Brianna Heckman; his brothers, Dakota Heckman, Cazic Epley, and Connor Epley; his nephew, Corvin LaRose; his niece, Odessa

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1 LaRose; and many extended family and friends; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
4 U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ryan J. Epley and extend our  
5 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
6 and loved him; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to the family of CW2 Epley as an expression of our  
9 deepest sympathy.