



SR0159

LRB101 11310 ALS 56713 r

1

SENATE RESOLUTION

2

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Clayton "Clay" Parks of Elgin, formerly of Princeville, who passed away on February 15, 2019; and

3

4

5

WHEREAS, Clay Parks was born in Peoria to Roger and Leslie Parks on February 26, 1986; he grew up in Princeville; he graduated from Northern Illinois University's College of Business in 2014, where he was known as an outstanding student and natural leader; and

6

7

8

9

10

WHEREAS, Clay Parks worked as a human resources manager at Henry Pratt Co. in Aurora; he joined the team in November of 2018 and was responsible for Aurora, Hammond, Indiana, and Denver; and

11

12

13

14

WHEREAS, Clay Parks could strike up a conversation with anyone he met, and his smile and laugh were contagious; he was an avid fan of Chicago sports, including the Bears, Bulls, Blackhawks, and Cubs; he had many hobbies, but his family was his greatest joy; he took his responsibilities as a husband and father very seriously and held those titles above all else; and

15

16

17

18

19

20

WHEREAS, Clay Parks was preceded in death by his father, Roger Parks; his paternal grandparents, Earl Dale Parks and

21

1 Evelyn Casey; and his maternal grandfather, Bill Deer; and

2 WHEREAS, Clay Parks is survived by his wife, Abby (Bowen)
3 Parks; his son, Axel Parks; his mother and stepfather, Leslie
4 and Dave Kendra; his brother, Cole Sloan; his in-laws, Todd and
5 Kim Bowen; his sister-in-law, Kaylynn (Mike) O'Donnell; and his
6 maternal grandmother, Charlene Bell; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Clayton "Clay" Parks and extend our sincere condolences to his
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Clay Parks as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.