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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 Wesley L. "Wes" Barr Jr. of Girard, who passed away on October 1, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Barr was born in Springfield to Wesley L. Sr. and Kitty Esslinger Barr on May 16, 1963; he joined the U.S. Marines after graduating from Southeast High School and married Sherry Coons on September 9, 1995; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Barr worked as a correctional officer in the Sangamon County Jail and as a police officer in Loami, Illiopolis, and Chatham; he joined the Sangamon County Sheriff's office as a deputy in 1991; he was elected as a trustee for Prairie Creek Township in 2009 and 2013; he served as Sangamon County Sheriff from 2014 to 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Wes Barr was involved in charity work with a number of community organizations, including Contact Ministries, the Illinois Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the United Cerebral Palsy Fund, and the Springfield Park District Foundation Board; in 2007, he was named The State Journal-Register's First Citizen, in part because of his work with Toys for Tots, which collected 14,000 toys in 2006 under his leadership; and

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1 WHEREAS, Wes Barr loved his new home with Sherry at Otter
2 Lake, where he cherished his time with her, went fishing, and
3 spent wonderful time with friends; he also enjoyed golf; he
4 loved his country and wanted to help others whenever he could;
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6 WHEREAS, Wes Barr is survived by his wife, Sherry; his
7 father, Wesley L. Barr Sr.; his sisters, Betty (Hip) Phu and
8 Robin (Wymond) Stubbs; his brothers, Michael and Joe Barr;
9 several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his
10 two beloved pets, Sid and Hailey; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
13 Wesley L. "Wes" Barr Jr. of Girard and extend our sincere
14 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved
15 him; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the family of Wes Barr as an expression of our
18 deepest sympathy.