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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 Todd D. Hill, who passed away on February 19, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Todd Hill was born to Gene Evans Sr. and Kathryn Hill in East St. Louis on October 16, 1967; he graduated from East St. Louis High School in 1986 and then joined the Army Reserve, where he served as a food service specialist; Todd attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, earning a bachelor's degree in kinesiology; while working towards his degree, he met his soulmate, Valeska "Vee" Hill; and

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WHEREAS, Todd Hill was initiated into the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity on December 2, 1988; he was the captain of S.S. Five Below Zero and his line name was Trikki-T; Todd joined the Epsilon Lambda Sigma Alumni Chapter in East St. Louis in 1993 and served as chapter president (two terms), vice president, Panhellenic Council rep, and membership intake chairman; he also worked closely with the Sigma Beta Youth Club and served as the director of operations for the Sigma Community Leadership Social Impact Foundation; Todd was recently selected as Assistant State Director of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for the State of Illinois; in December of 2019, he proudly obtained his LIFE membership after serving 31 years in

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1 the fraternity; and

2 WHEREAS, Todd Hill was hired as a firefighter for the East  
3 St. Louis Fire Department in March of 1990; he was promoted to  
4 lieutenant in 1994 and captain in 1996; he retired on December  
5 31, 2016 at the rank of assistant fire chief after working a  
6 total of 26 years, 9 months, and 18 days; he was most proud to  
7 follow in the footsteps of his uncle, retired Chief Bruce Hill  
8 Sr.; Todd also served as President of Local 23 for four years;  
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10 WHEREAS, Todd Hill had been the director of the Southwest  
11 Illinois Jets Basketball Club since 2004; he taught physical  
12 education at Estelle Kampmeyer Elementary School in the  
13 O'Fallon School District and worked as an athletic director in  
14 Riverview Gardens; he also served as an assistant athletic  
15 director and restorative justice specialist within the Cahokia  
16 School District; and

17 WHEREAS, Todd Hill started out coaching boys basketball but  
18 switched to girls basketball when his daughter Jazmin began  
19 playing; he coached girls basketball at the YMCA, with the AAU,  
20 and at local high schools, with his 2009 AAU team ranking 16th  
21 in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Todd Hill was cool, charming, compassionate,

1 courageous, and a sharp dresser; he loved to work out, play  
2 basketball, and purchase nice cars; Todd was an animal lover  
3 and owned many pets over the years with his favorite being his  
4 beloved dog, Cane Corso Sasha; he enjoyed watching the Florida  
5 Gators, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and North Carolina college  
6 basketball; he committed to his faith at an early age and was a  
7 current member of New Life Community Church; and

8 WHEREAS, Todd Hill is survived by his wife, Valeska Hill;  
9 his parents, Gene (Ethel) and Kathryn Hill; his father-in-law,  
10 Willie (Beverly) Douglas; his son, Dereon (Emily) Hill; his two  
11 daughters, Jazmin (Darin) Pitts and Jayda Hill; his grandson,  
12 Kamdyn Hill; his two-granddaughters, Korina Hill and Daiyah  
13 Pitts; his two brothers, Anthony Hill and Gene Evans Jr.; his  
14 one sister, Nicole (Fritz) Bush; his two sisters-in-law,  
15 Delores Buchanan and Tracy Douglas; his two brothers-in-law,  
16 Darrell (Patricia) Buchanan and Willie Douglas Jr.; his three  
17 nieces, Alizaeon (Leon) Mallory, Wynter Douglas, and Penelope  
18 A. Bush; his four nephews, Gordon Moore Jr., Jamaal Moore,  
19 Jameel Moore, and Loren Fritz E. Bush; his two great-nephews,  
20 Jalen Moore and Delvecchio Mallory; his two great-nieces,  
21 Jaliyah Moore and N'Joi Lyfe Moore; his three very special  
22 cousins, Bruce Hill III, Korree (Carlandria) Hill, and Kahalah  
23 (William) Clay; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other  
24 relatives, friends, and members of the Phi Beta Sigma  
25 Fraternity, Inc.; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
3 Todd D. Hill and extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
4 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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