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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Captain  
4 Garrett E. Ramos of the Sterling Fire Department, who was  
5 killed in the line of duty on December 4, 2021; and

6           WHEREAS, Capt. Ramos was born to Edward and Jeannie  
7 (McKee) Ramos in Sterling on October 27, 1983; in his youth, he  
8 enjoyed spending time with his family and playing team sports,  
9 excelling at basketball; his character was formed in these  
10 early years through his faith, his family, and lessons learned  
11 from team sports; he attended St. Mary's Grade School; he  
12 graduated from Sterling High School in 2002; he attended the  
13 South Carolina Fire Academy following his graduation from  
14 Illinois State University; he married Brittney C. Berger in  
15 Benton Harbor, Michigan on July 23, 2016, and they travelled  
16 the world together before the birth of their two daughters;  
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18           WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Capt. Ramos  
19 began his firefighting career at the North Charleston Fire  
20 Department in Charleston, South Carolina; he returned to his  
21 hometown, joining the Sterling Fire Department in October  
22 2012; he served as acting captain for a year prior to his death  
23 and was posthumously promoted to the rank of captain by the

1 City of Sterling; and

2 WHEREAS, Capt. Ramos served as union president of Local  
3 2301 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF);  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Capt. Ramos was a devoted and loving husband and  
6 father; he was a firefighter of the highest caliber; he was  
7 known for his positive attitude, his contagious smile, his  
8 infectious laugh, and his heart of gold; he will be missed by  
9 his family, his friends, his community, and his State; and

10 WHEREAS, Capt. Ramos was preceded in death by his  
11 grandparents, Gordon and Ruth (Lendman) McKee and Jose and  
12 Delia (Vargas) Ramos; his aunt, Eileen Marrs; and his cousins,  
13 Amanda Tope and Kevin Fuglestad; and

14 WHEREAS, Capt. Ramos is survived by his wife, Brittney;  
15 his daughters, Ruthie and Kepa; his parents, Ed and Jeannie  
16 Ramos; his sister, Jennifer (Aaron) Brannon; his nieces,  
17 Joslyn and Isla; his nephew, Drake; his mother-in-law, Sue  
18 (Liz) Roberts; his father-in-law, Rick (Linda) Berger; his  
19 several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and countless others;  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

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

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Capt. Ramos and the Sterling Fire  
7 Department as an expression of our deepest sympathy.