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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 Jean L. "Tank" Corner, who passed away on April 30, 2023 at the age of 52; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Corner was born in Columbia, South Carolina to Mary Corner and Leonard Davis on January 16, 1971; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Corner began elementary school in North Carolina; during these early years, he developed a passion for football; when his family moved to Illinois, he continued to play at Garfield Elementary School and also joined the Bellwood Spartans extracurricular team; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Corner attended Proviso East High School through his junior year; he ultimately graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School (OPRFHS) in 1989, having become a local football star; he also shared a passion for television and film with his former classmates, which kept them connected well into adulthood; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Corner subsequently enrolled at Northern Iowa Community College, where he earned an associate's degree in art; he completed an undergraduate program at the University of Northern Iowa in 1994 on a football scholarship;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, Jean Corner found a special kinship in Omega Psi
3 Phi Fraternity, INC in 1996; he pledged and became a member of
4 MuXi Chapter; he and his line brothers referred to themselves
5 as the "Qrazy 8"; he also befriended members of multiple other
6 "Divine Nine" fraternities; and

7 WHEREAS, Jean Corner took his sports skills overseas to
8 Tokyo after his time pursuing a college education; he remained
9 a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan no matter where he lived, either in
10 the U.S. or abroad; and

11 WHEREAS, Jean Corner returned to his high school alma
12 mater as a campus safety officer once his stint in
13 professional sports ended; he trained and mentored generations
14 of OPRFHS athletes as the six-year head coach of the Powder
15 Puff Girls Football League and the inaugural girls' flag
16 football team during the fall 2022 season; he shared his
17 personal training services with community members as well; and

18 WHEREAS, Jean Corner brought his dream of owning and
19 operating a fitness clothing line to fruition by launching
20 Fitness II Perfection (FIIP), LLC; his garments bore affirming
21 and positive statements, such as "Work Hard..No Excuses"; and

1 WHEREAS, Jean Corner relished time with his family,
2 especially Christmas gatherings hosted across the United
3 States; his nephews, Darrion and Josiah, became his sons and
4 shared this title with his first-born, Zayden; and

5 WHEREAS, Jean Corner's appetite competed with his love of
6 fitness and exercise; he loved his mother and grandmother's
7 cooking the most, but he never turned down a meal; although his
8 given name was Jean, he had long gone by the nickname "Tank",
9 which fit him well as he was built like a tank, short but wide
10 and powerful; and

11 WHEREAS, Jean Corner was preceded in death by his father,
12 Leonard Davis, and his sister, Emma Raggs-Franklin; and

13 WHEREAS, Jean Corner is survived by his son, Zayden
14 Corner; his mother, Mary Corner; his grandmother, Catherine
15 Corner; his nephews, Josiah "JoJo" McKevin and Darrion
16 Johnson; his sisters, Shereta Hunt and Anita Raggs; his
17 brother, Cleveland Raggs; his fiancée, LaTonia Jackson; his
18 FIIP family; his caretakers at LaGrange Hospital; and numerous
19 other family members, friends, and fans; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Jean L. "Tank" Corner and extend our sincere condolences to

1 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Jean Corner as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.