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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 Brent Rayburn Reddrick Hamlet, who passed away on September 24, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet was born to Debra and Kenneth Hamlet on October 17, 1987; he received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Alcorn State University and was completing a Master of Arts in School Counseling from Chicago State University; and

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WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet worked at Horizons for Youth in Chicago, where he managed and advocated for middle school-aged students and their families in the Explore group, through which he began pursuing a personal mission of positively impacting youth and families; he was an educator, community organizer, and life coach with more than 10 years of experience, and he was fully committed to an abolitionist pedagogy; he worked side-by-side with underserved families in a variety of settings; most recently, he directed and designed after-school enrichment programs on the South Side; and

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WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet was a Fellow with Chicago United For Equity and was recently elected vice chairman of the Policy Steering Committee with the Workers Center for Racial Justice;

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2 WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet was a devoted member of Trinity  
3 United Church of Christ, where he served on both the Social  
4 Justice Ministry and the 20 Something Ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet exhibited an early thirst for  
6 knowledge about the African continent and African-descended  
7 peoples of the Diaspora; his mother infused a love of reading  
8 books and skills in seeking knowledge, oratory/public  
9 speaking, and speech writing, which served him well as an  
10 adult; and

11 WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet was determined to always do things  
12 his way; he never met a stranger and was able to build rapport  
13 with those he encountered; he was a caring and thoughtful son,  
14 grandson, sibling, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend; and

15 WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet was preceded in death by his mother,  
16 Debra Lynn Reddrick Hamlet; and

17 WHEREAS, Brent Hamlet is survived by his father, Ken  
18 Hamlet; his siblings, Babatunde, Brielle, and Daren; his  
19 nieces and nephews, A'mia Imani Beeks, Joven Hamlet, Kaysen  
20 "Sunni" Hamlet, and Salem Kathlynn Hamlet; his uncles, Charles  
21 Rayburn and Mark Reddrick; his aunts, Earline Mayo, Cynthia

1 Reddrick, and Marlo Reddrick Hyde; his cousins, Mark Andrew  
2 (Sally) Battin Reddrick and Jared Reddrick; and numerous other  
3 first, second, and third cousins and close relatives from  
4 across the country; therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
7 Brent Rayburn Reddrick Hamlet and extend our sincere  
8 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
9 him; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Brent Hamlet as an expression of our  
12 deepest sympathy.