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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 Captain Kevin M. Hargis of the Joliet Fire Department, who passed away on June 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis, the son of Larry and Charlotte Hargis, was born on August 28, 1972; he was dedicated to achieving professional excellence through education, earning nearly every certification for firefighters in the State of Illinois, completing many at advanced levels; and

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WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis was a 22-year veteran of the Joliet Fire Department, serving as captain of Fire Station No. 7 at the time of his passing; he began his firefighting career with the Roberts Park Fire Protection District in Justice in 1992; he proceeded to serve with the Pleasantview Fire Protection District for a few years before joining the Joliet Fire Department in 2002, where he also served as a member and coordinator of the Hazardous Materials Team, a member of the Safety Committee, a CPR instructor, a coordinator, and a trainer; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to his roles within the fire service, Capt. Hargis was a board-certified emergency nurse and a paramedic instructor, and he was a former faculty member of

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1 Joliet Junior College; and

2 WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis was a member of Alpha Delta Nu
3 National Honor Society under the Organization for Associate
4 Degree Nursing, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the National
5 Association of EMS Educators, the National Association of
6 EMTs, the International Association of Firefighters, the
7 Illinois Society of Fire Service Instructors, and Joliet
8 Firefighters Local 44; and

9 WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis was a devoted husband who loved
10 spending time outdoors and traveling with his wife, Amy, and
11 their dogs; and

12 WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis was known for his lighthearted
13 personality, his passion for helping others, and his nickname,
14 "Big Buddy"; he will be remembered for his service to and his
15 impact on his community; and

16 WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis was preceded in death by his
17 in-laws, Ronald and Catherine Szarzynski; and

18 WHEREAS, Capt. Hargis is survived by his wife of 19 years,
19 Amy Theresia (Billapando) Hargis; his parents; his brothers,
20 Lawrence Hargis and Michael Hargis; his sister, Judy (Kurt)
21 Sedlacek; and numerous nieces and nephews; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
3 Captain Kevin M. Hargis of the Joliet Fire Department and
4 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
5 who knew and loved him; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Capt. Hargis as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.