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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 377

Offered February 2, 2021

Celebrating the life of Officer Brian David Sicknick.

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WHEREAS, Officer Brian David Sicknick of Springfield, a patriotic veteran and a courageous member of the United States Capitol Police, died on January 7, 2021, from injuries sustained in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sicknick grew up in South River, New Jersey, and attended East Brunswick Vocational Technical High School; after graduation, he joined the New Jersey Air National Guard, serving with the 108th Security Forces Squadron, 108th Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sicknick deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch in 1999 and Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2003; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable military service, Brian Sicknick worked in New Jersey before relocating to the Commonwealth to fulfill his longtime dream to become a law-enforcement officer, joining the United States Capitol Police in July 2008; and

WHEREAS, while serving with the United States Capitol Police, Brian Sicknick earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix; he had served as a member of the department's mountain bike unit and first responder unit; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sicknick served the United States with the utmost dedication and integrity, and he earned the admiration of elected officials and Capitol personnel for his kindness, courteousness, and positivity; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, Brian Sicknick sustained fatal injuries while defending the United States Capitol from rioters who breached multiple doors and windows and entered the building in an attempt to disrupt the ceremonial counting of the Electoral College votes for the 2020 United States presidential election; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sicknick will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his parents, Charles and Gladys; his brothers, Ken and Craig; his girlfriend of 11 years, Sandra; and numerous other family members, friends, and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Officer Brian David Sicknick, a highly respected and heroic member of the United States Capitol Police; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Officer Brian David Sicknick as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.