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SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF JOHNATHAN MITCHELL "MITCH"
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Subtitle

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MITCHELL "MITCH" PETRUS.

WHEREAS, Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus, former New York Giants offensive lineman from Carlisle, Arkansas, died suddenly on July 18, 2019, at 32 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petrus played tight end for the Carlisle High School football team before becoming a walk-on fullback and then an offensive guard for the Arkansas Razorbacks football team during his college years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petrus earned two (2) All-Southeastern Conference honors during his time at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and was remembered by the Arkansas Razorbacks team with these words: "We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mitch Petrus. He was an outstanding competitor, incredible teammate, and a true Hog. He will be greatly missed by many. Rest easy, Mitch"; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Mr. Petrus played for the National Football League with the New York Giants, the New England Patriots, and the Tennessee Titans and was part of the New York Giants' squad that won Super Bowl XLVI in 2012; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the National Football League in 2013, Mr.



Petrus returned to Arkansas where he often appeared on local television as a football analyst in the studio and as a sidelines reporter during televised high school football games; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petrus also enjoyed a political career, serving as the chief of staff to former President Pro Tempore of the Senate Jonathan Dismang in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petrus will be remembered among teammates and friends for his enthusiasm, upbeat attitude, and strength, both on and off the field,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Senate remember and commend Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus for his contributions to the State of Arkansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate express sincere condolences to the family of Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus, and that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to the family of Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus by the Secretary of the Senate.