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5 By: Senator J. Dismang

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7 **SENATE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

8 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF JOHNATHAN MITCHELL "MITCH"
9 PETRUS.

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12 **Subtitle**

13 IN RESPECTFUL MEMORY OF JOHNATHAN
14 MITCHELL "MITCH" PETRUS.

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

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

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

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

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



1 Petrus returned to Arkansas where he often appeared on local television as a
2 football analyst in the studio and as a sidelines reporter during televised
3 high school football games; and
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Petrus also enjoyed a political career, serving as the
6 chief of staff to former President Pro Tempore of the Senate Jonathan Dismang
7 in 2017; and
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9 WHEREAS, Mr. Petrus will be remembered among teammates and friends for
10 his enthusiasm, upbeat attitude, and strength, both on and off the field,
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12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
14 STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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16 THAT the Senate remember and commend Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus
17 for his contributions to the State of Arkansas.
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the individual members of the Senate express
20 sincere condolences to the family of Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus, and
21 that upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided
22 to the family of Johnathan Mitchell "Mitch" Petrus by the Secretary of the
23 Senate.
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