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Honoring the life of Undersheriff Brandon Gaede and expressing condolences
to his family.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2025

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Undersheriff Brandon Gaede and
expressing condolences to his family.

Whereas Brandon Gaede was a brave law enforcement officer
who sacrificed his life to keep his local Kansas commu-
nity safe;

Whereas Brandon Gaede was born to Eric Gaede and Dena
Britton in 1995 in Colby, Kansas;

Whereas Brandon Gaede attended Colby High School, where
he excelled as a student-athlete, finding success in foot-
ball, wrestling, and track;

Whereas, immediately following his graduation from high
school, Mr. Gaede entered a career of service as a law en-
forcement officer, driven by his unwavering dedication to
protecting others;

Whereas Brandon Gaede began as a correctional officer with the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, while simultaneously pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Colby Community College;

Whereas, after earning his associate of science degree, Brandon Gaede began working as a sheriff's deputy in Phillips County, where his leadership and commitment quickly set him apart;

Whereas Brandon Gaede attended and graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, where he served as president of the 247th basic training class, a testament to the respect he earned among his peers;

Whereas Brandon Gaede quickly rose through the ranks of the Phillips County Sheriff's Office, earning a promotion to sergeant in 2023 and to undersheriff a year later;

Whereas, during this time, he became a loving husband to Karlye Stephen and a father to 3 beautiful children, Axel, Otto, and Emilie;

Whereas, on June 27, 2025, Brandon Gaede lost his life in the line of duty, while attempting to take a suspect into custody;

Whereas Brandon Gaede was and remains a true American hero whose courage, character, and unwavering commitment to others have left an indelible mark; and

Whereas Mr. Gaede's legacy will continue to inspire his family, community, and a grateful nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) highly respects and appreciates all that
2 Undersheriff Brandon Gaede did to protect and
3 serve his Kansas community;

4 (2) offers condolences to the family of Brandon
5 Gaede;

6 (3) pays tribute to Mr. Gaede's noble sacrifice
7 in the line of duty; and

8 (4) calls on all levels of government to support
9 the family of this fallen officer.

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