

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life Andrew “Andy” Patrick Kozal.

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal was born November 4, 1969, in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Lawrence Jr. and Marie (Hartmann) Kozal; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal was raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal graduated from West Catholic High School in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal completed a Bachelor of Art in Human Services with a concentration in Criminal Justice and a minor in English, at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Michigan in 1991; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Andy Kozal began employment as a public safety officer at the University of Michigan where he was a bicycle patrol officer, conducted investigations, and acted as a first-aid instructor and field training officer; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal married his best friend Susan (Mosko) Kozal on August 13th, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal became a public safety officer in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal was among the first cohort of students to complete a Master of Science in Criminal Justice at Bowling Green State University in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal was an active member of the Ohio Identification Offices Association and the Ohio Council of Criminal Justice Education, and held leadership roles as a trustee and President of the association in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal was an instructor of Criminal Justice, internship coordinator and advisor to Criminal Justice majors at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio from 2002 - 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Andy Kozal was nominated for the Outstanding Faculty of the Year for two-year colleges in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal returned to Bowling Green State University to join the Criminal Justice Program faculty in 2016; and a year later assumed the role of Undergraduate Coordinator within the program; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal taught over 1060 undergraduate and graduate students during his career at Bowling Green State University and,

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal served on many different committees at the Department, College, and University levels; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal expressed great love of teaching and advocated for others; and

WHEREAS, at age 50, Andy Kozal was physically separated from his loved ones on September 28, 2020, by his untimely passing; and

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WHEREAS, upon death his death, Andy Kozal is survived by Susan Kozal, his wife of 26 years, and daughters Meghan and Chloe; his parents, Lawrence Jr. and Marie (Hartmann) Kozal; siblings, Theresa Kozal, Timothy (Catherine) Kozal, Robert (Kim) Kozal; sisters- and brothers-in-law David (Linda) Mosko, Lynn (Mosko) and Don Blakeslee; nieces and nephews Anthony, Alyssa, Eliana, Claire, Ashley, Brett, Lucy and Bennett, Monica (Kevin), Steve, Grant and Kennedy, and Wyatt and Everett; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal is remembered by his wife and daughters for his sense of humor, especially his dad jokes, and his sound advice; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal was a devoted father who coached his daughters in elementary school softball and basketball, and proudly carried a Cinderella princess cup gifted to him by his daughter, and doted on the girls' art work and accomplishments, and host father for international exchange students, Luna Asensio Fábregas and Hannah Schloz; and

WHEREAS, President Rodney Rogers officially recognized Andy Kozal for his “content application and innovative teaching and learning” and stated that “Andy’s colleagues and students remember him for his hard work at his alma mater, but also as a kind and humorous individual who was committed to the success of each student”; and

WHEREAS, Andy Kozal, referred to by his students in Criminal Justice as “Kozal,” was described as a good listener and a caring, kind person with a big heart, and an ability to consistently incite laughter during class; and

WHEREAS, a former Criminal Justice student, Chandler Cole, indicated “Kozal always said to find your passion, your niche and go for it” and further that “Andy wasn’t meant to be a police officer, but he was meant to teach about Criminal Justice and he always talked about finding what you love and doing it well with kindness”; and

WHEREAS, at the February 2nd, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting, the Senate passed unanimously a resolution stating the “Faculty Senate of Bowling Green State University extends to Andy Kozal its most sincere appreciation and gratitude for his dedication to teaching, scholarship and service.” The Senate Executive Committee Member Dr. Virginia Dubasik read the entire resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it *Resolved*, That the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate-

- (1) extends its heartfelt sympathies to the family of Andy Kozal
- (2) honors the life of Andy Kozal;
- (3) honors and, on behalf of Bowling Green State University and the Faculty Senate expresses deep appreciation for the outstanding and important work and service of Andy Kozal to the University and community; and
- (4) respectfully requests that this resolution be committed to the records of the Senate and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Andy Kozal.