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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Austin Keating of Streamwood, who passed away on March 18, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, At birth, Austin Keating was given a survival rate of 1%; he had his first kidney transplant at age 16 months, with his mother as his donor, and his second at age 17, with his friend Cherish Walsh as his donor; and

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WHEREAS, At age 20, Austin Keating developed a rare cancer, post-transplant lymphoma, and he beat the odds; he went into kidney failure again in July 2021; he developed a very rare bacterial infection in August 2022, forcing him to remove both donor kidneys; he also underwent two lung surgeries after the bacteria spread to his lungs; his liver started to fail in January 2023, and he continued to fight off one infection after another until his passing; and

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WHEREAS, Austin Keating was an avid member of and volunteer for many organizations; he served as a representative for the PKD Foundation for ARPKD (infantile PKD) and as a Child of Hope for Lurie's Children Hospital; he was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood; he swam competitively on the Hanover Park

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1 Sailfish Swim Team for 10 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Austin Keating had many skills, interests, and  
3 experiences; he was trained in CPR as a lifeguard and for a  
4 career as an EMT, saving a man's life at age 20; he knew sign  
5 language; he loved theater and musicals, and he was an extra in  
6 the movie Divergent; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition, Austin Keating served as an usher at  
8 St. John's the Evangelist Church and taught Religious  
9 Education; and

10 WHEREAS, Austin Keating had a remarkable, though brief,  
11 life; he will be remembered for being strong in soul and  
12 spirit; and

13 WHEREAS, Austin Keating was the son of Diane and the late  
14 Thomas E. Keating; the brother of Alex (fiancé, Michelle  
15 Sutton), Riley, and the late Ryan; the grandson of Tom and  
16 Carole Keating and Greg and Patricia Smentek; and the nephew  
17 and cousin of many; and

18 WHEREAS, Austin Keating is also survived by his mother's  
19 companion, Michael Grandinetti; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
2 Austin Keating and extend our sincere condolences to his  
3 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to the family of Austin Keating as an expression of  
7 our deepest sympathy.