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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Brian Avery of Wilmette on Monday, December 28, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Brian lived his entire life in Wilmette, the third of five children; he attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School from the time he was in kindergarten, where he excelled in math and writing; and

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WHEREAS, Brian was quite an athlete and experimented with several sports, including soccer and hockey; by eighth grade, he was focusing on basketball and was a point guard on one of St. Francis Xavier's two squads; and

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WHEREAS, He had strawberry-blond hair, had the special ability to make friends, and he was known to stick up for others; he loved playing video games, especially Halo 2, and was a fan of the University of Illinois basketball team; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Brian Avery has been deeply felt by many, especially his parents, Janet and Brian Avery; his sisters, Annie and Francie; his brothers, Tony and Petey; his grandfather, Bill Avery, and step-grandmother, Heidi Avery; his grandmother, Francie Creevy; his grandmother, Marge Avery, and step-grandfather, Ray Andrews; and his fellow students and friends; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that even while we mourn the passing of Brian Avery, who was taken from this world at much too young an age, we celebrate and give thanks for the life that he lived and the people that he touched, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
3 sympathy for the loss of the young man who was their son,
4 brother, or grandson.