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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Benjamin Robert Elson of Edwardsville, formerly of Godfrey, on Tuesday, December 27, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, The son of David C. and Nancy (Kirkman) Elson, he was born February 21, 1975, in Alton; he attended Alton schools through his junior year in high school and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1993; he graduated in 1997 from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he was an officer of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, He married the former Julie Hughey on May 27, 2000; he was employed by Cephalon Pharmaceuticals as a district sales manager; and

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WHEREAS, His love, first and foremost, was his wife and daughters; he loved Julie deeply and adored his little girls; all will carry on the twinkle in his eye and his constant grin; second to his love of family was his love of basketball; affectionately known as one of the "Twin Towers," he was a standout athlete at both Alton and Litchfield; although an avid skier and a good golfer, he was most comfortable around and above the hoops of Salu's Killion Park, Metro Sports, West, SIUC, Indiana University Assembly Hall, and any other gym he could find; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Benjamin Elson has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Julie; his daughters, Abi Sholar, and Ellie and Vivi Elson; his parents; his sister, Callie; his brothers, Aaron Elson and Jacob Elson and his wife, Jessie; his maternal grandparents, John and Mary Kirkman; his paternal grandmother, Betty Elson; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bob and Marty Hughey; and his sister-in-law, Jennifer Hughey;

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Benjamin Robert Elson, and we extend our sincere condolences to
5 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
9 sympathy.