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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are
3 saddened to learn of the death of Evan Joseph de Mello of
4 Marion, who passed away on October 4, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Evan de Mello was born on September 18, 2003 in
6 St. Louis; his parents were Sean and Natalie (Walls) de Mello;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Evan de Mello loved to play with Thomas the Train
9 toys; he liked to watch Dora the Explorer, as well as the
10 Backyardigans; and

11 WHEREAS, Evan de Mello was preceded in death by his
12 grandmother, Karen Patton; his great-grandmother, Elizabeth
13 Zurba; and his great-grandparents, Hassie and Luther Walls and
14 Van and Janis Ellis; and

15 WHEREAS, Evan de Mello is survived by his parents, Sean and
16 Natalie; his grandparents, David and Marilyn Walls and Russ and
17 Marguerite Dory; his paternal grandfather, James Patton; his
18 aunts, Heather and Caitlin Walls; his uncle, David Walls Jr.;
19 and his many other relatives; and

20 WHEREAS, Evan de Mello will be remembered by all who knew

1 and loved him as a loving, caring, and imaginative boy who
2 never complained; his bravery through all adversity in his life
3 was inspiring to all; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
6 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with his family
7 and friends, the passing of Evan Joseph de Mello; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Evan Joseph de Mello as an
11 expression of our sympathy.