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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The member of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Michael Eugene Collins of Normal, who passed away on April 2, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Collins graduated from Normal Community High School in 2010 and was a senior at Illinois State University, majoring in Exercise Science; he played baseball for 2 seasons at Heartland Community College and was an assistant baseball coach at University High School under his father, Jim; and

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WHEREAS, Michael Collins had numerous baseball accomplishments; they included playing second base for Heartland Community College when the Hawks finished 3rd in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) World Series in 2012, being named an Academic All-American in 2012, and being a member of the first Heartland Community College team to advance to the NJCAA World Series in 2011; he was a middle infielder and pitcher for Normal West when they won back-to-back Big 12 championships in 2009 and 2010; he was selected to the Illinois Coaches Association and Pantagraph All-Star games in 2010 and was a member of the Big 12 All-Academic team in 2010; and

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1 WHEREAS, Michael Collins's favorite baseball memories were
2 winning 2 consecutive Region 24 championships while at
3 Heartland, hitting a home run in the NJCAA World Series, and
4 receiving a phone call from his mom that his dad had won a 2012
5 State championship at University High School; and

6 WHEREAS, Michael Collins enjoyed golfing, working out,
7 watching episodes of Seinfeld, and spending time with his 2
8 dogs; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael Collins was preceded in death by his
10 maternal grandfather, Donald E. Presley, and a paternal
11 grandmother, Lois E. Collins; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael Collins is survived by his parents, Jim
13 and Kelly Collins; one brother, Jimmy Collins; paternal
14 grandmother, Betty A. Presley; paternal grandfather, James L.
15 Collins; one maternal uncle, Terry (Sandy) Presley; 2 paternal
16 aunts, Susan Albee and Sharon (Kevin) Rutledge; a paternal
17 uncle, Jeff (Jane) Collins; many beloved cousins including Eric
18 (Alycia) Stark, Adam (Kacy) Stark, Sara Stark, Katie (Austin)
19 Myers, Kyle Rutledge, Tristin (Ken) Duffy, Carter Collins,
20 Samantha Collins, Brian Wright, Christina (Mark) Frederick,
21 Sarah (Nick) Riordan, Jon Albee, Josh Albee, Joanna Willet, and
22 Jason Albee; therefore, be it

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

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Michael Collins as an expression of
8 our deepest sympathy.