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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michael Steven Zuber of Hillsboro, Illinois, who passed away on January 11, 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Michael was born on February 14, 1986, to Jim and Becky Zuber of Hillsboro; and

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WHEREAS, Michael was born with a heart condition known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome; Michael underwent a high-risk open-heart surgery four days after his birth known as the Norwood Operation and gained attention nationwide as a medical miracle, being the first to leave a Missouri hospital alive after the procedure; and

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WHEREAS, Michael fought his heart problems courageously and his courage, faith, sense of humor and strong spirit were an inspiration to many; throughout his life, Michael made public appearances and was a perennial favorite on the annual Children's Miracle Network telethon; his charismatic personality led to a friendship with St. Louis Cardinal's pitcher Steve Kline and was Kline's guest in the Cardinal's clubhouse just before he had a heart transplant in September, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Michael was a freshman at Hillsboro High School and enjoyed all sports, especially professional wrestling; he also enjoyed music; Michael was a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and attended the Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro, where he was involved in the youth program; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Michael Zuber will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him, especially his parents, James, Jr. and Rebecca Zuber; his sisters, Anne-Marie Zuber, and

1 Jamie Lee Zuber; his maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Ann
2 Mae Hempken; his paternal grandparents, James H., Sr. and
3 Carole Zuber, and his several aunts, uncles and cousins;
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
7 all those who knew him and loved him, the death of Michael
8 Steven Zuber of Hillsboro, Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to family of Michael Steven Zuber.