

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of
4 Matthew Ives, who passed away on April 8, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, The oldest of four children to David and Jeanne
6 Ives, Matthew was a responsible and fun-loving older brother,
7 who loved and often watched his younger brothers, Billy and
8 Jeremy, and his sister, Madeleine; and

9 WHEREAS, Matthew enjoyed spending time with his family,
10 whether biking or traveling or just playing basketball in the
11 driveway; and

12 WHEREAS, Matthew was an outgoing and loyal friend to
13 many; he had been friends with many of his buddies since
14 kindergarten, and yet he always enjoyed making new friends;
15 he was blessed with a sincere heart and treated everyone with
16 kindness, respect, and love; and

17 WHEREAS, Matthew was an excellent student who
18 consistently made the honor roll at South Middle School; he
19 was an eighth-grade student there and was looking forward to
20 attending Prospect High School in the fall of 2002; he
21 excelled in many activities; while a student at Dryden
22 Elementary School, he was an exemplary member of Den 2 in Cub
23 Scout Pack 129, earning the Arrow of Light Award; and

24 WHEREAS, Matthew particularly loved athletics and always
25 demonstrated good sportsmanship; most recently, he was
26 goalkeeper for the division-winning Real F.C. Fire Soccer
27 Club; in addition, he served as a key player on his church's
28 fifth/sixth grade championship team and more recently on his
29 eighth-grade championship basketball team; he also loved
30 skiing, tennis, golf, and playing football with his friends;
31 and

1 WHEREAS, Matthew was a valued member of his 2002
2 confirmation class and Real People Youth Group at First
3 Presbyterian Church; his enthusiastic participation in weekly
4 meeting, retreats, and service projects made him a leader and
5 friend to many; his sincerity, kindness, and willingness to
6 put others before him were evident to everyone; he had a
7 special ability to cheer others up and brighten the world
8 with laughter; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of Matthew Ives will be deeply felt
10 by all who knew and loved him, especially his parents, David
11 and Jeanne; his siblings, Billy, Jeremy, and Madeleine; his
12 grandparents, William Ives, Jane Schroeder, and Mary Ann
13 Weisenberger; his aunts; his uncles; his cousins; and his
14 many friends; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
17 all who knew him, the death of Matthew Ives of Arlington
18 Heights; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Matthew Ives with our deepest
21 sympathy and condolences.