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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Anthony Vincent Sheehan II, who passed away on March 4, 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony Sheehan was born to Mark Anthony and Mary Margaret "Moni" (Roytek) Sheehan on April 27, 1985; he graduated from Mattoon High School in 2005, the first student to graduate from there with Down Syndrome; he also graduated from the Neil Armstrong program at Hawthorne School; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony Sheehan was employed at CCAR in Charleston, where he loved the bus ride, the staff, and "his paperwork"; and

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WHEREAS, Camp New Hope in Mattoon was very special to Anthony Sheehan; he attended the camp's monthly respite weekends as well as the week-long summer camp for over 25 years; he loved his church family at the Immaculate Conception Church; he was a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus and was given an honorary 4th Degree posthumously; his corner always brought in the most money each year during the annual KC Tootsie Roll Drive; and

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WHEREAS, Anthony Sheehan competed in the Illinois Special

1 Olympics for 25 years and won numerous medals in bowling,
2 basketball, bocce, and track and field; he was very patriotic
3 and proudly sang the National Anthem at many Special Olympic
4 events, baseball tournaments, retirement parties, and special
5 events; the National Anthem was a daily ritual in his life; he
6 was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, the St. Louis Cardinals,
7 the Chicago Blackhawks, and the St. Louis Blues; and

8 WHEREAS, Anthony Sheehan lived life to the fullest; he was
9 always happy and never met a stranger that did not like him;
10 family and friends were very important to him; his faith was
11 deep and he lived an exemplary life that inspired all that knew
12 him; he touched so many lives with his enthusiasm for life and
13 contagious smile; and

14 WHEREAS, Anthony Sheehan is survived by his parents; his
15 grandmothers; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Anthony Vincent Sheehan II, and extend our sincere condolences
20 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Anthony Sheehan as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.