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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Nick Curley of
4 Chicago on receiving the 2013 Hearts & Hugs Youth Advocate
5 Award; and

6 WHEREAS, This year's award was given to Nick Curley due to
7 the success of his project to raise awareness for epilepsy and
8 Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP); each year, as part
9 of an annual family tradition, he would tell his parents what
10 kind of volunteer project he wanted to participate in to help
11 others; he is 8 years old and has just completed the 3rd grade
12 at Immaculate Conception School; and

13 WHEREAS, For his most recent project, Nick Curley decided
14 to combine the 3 things he loves the most: skating on a hockey
15 rink, helping others, and having fun; he and his parents
16 coordinated a plan for him to ice skate 100 miles, 5 miles at a
17 time, at 20 ice rinks around the State; he kicked off his
18 journey with 5 miles on the rink of the Glenview Stars, his
19 home ice; and

20 WHEREAS, Nick Curley skated with teams ranging from Loyola
21 Academy and Barrington High School to the Rockford Ice Hogs; he
22 skated at the Allstate Arena, the United Center, and Soldier

1 Field, where he took a victory lap during the College Hockey
2 Classic in February 2013; NHL hall-of-famer Denis Savard joined
3 him for miles 46 through 50 and Congressman Mike Quigley skated
4 with him twice; and

5 WHEREAS, Nick Curley's skating campaign received national
6 exposure; he was featured in an article on Yahoo! Sports and
7 was involved in stories on CBS Chicago News and NBC Chicago
8 News; and

9 WHEREAS, Nick Curley completed his 1,000th lap during the
10 intermission of a Chicago Wolves game; he raised nearly \$40,000
11 for the Danny Did Foundation, an organization whose goals are
12 advancing awareness of SUDEP and mainstreaming seizure
13 detection and seizure prediction devices that may assist in
14 preventing deaths caused by seizures; and

15 WHEREAS, Nick Curley's success was due in part to a great
16 team around him that supported him at every step of the way,
17 including his parents, Laura and Brian; his coaches, Kevin
18 Delaney and Rob Emme; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
19 Sonnefeldt; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate Nick Curley on receiving the 2013 Hearts & Hugs

1 Youth Advocate Award; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Nick Curley as an expression of our esteem and
4 respect.