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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On July 27, 2014, the State of Illinois lost one
3 of its most extraordinary residents when Brooke Whitted passed
4 away; and

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WHEREAS, Brooke Whitted touched the lives of many over his
6 67 years, but none as significantly as the children who needed
7 special education services and their families; and

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WHEREAS, From the start of his professional career as a
9 Cook County Juvenile Probation Officer in 1969 through his
10 service as board chairman of the organization that operates the
11 Sonia Shankman Orthogenic School and the Hyde Park Day School
12 to his work with the Illinois School Bullying Prevention Task
13 Force, Brooke Whitted demonstrated a commitment to ensuring
14 that each child was afforded every available program and
15 service that was necessary to help them live their lives to the
16 fullest; and

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WHEREAS, Brooke's commitment to the young was further
18 evidenced when he co-founded the Harold and Rosemarie Marx
19 Memorial Fund which both honored the memory of a probation
20 officer colleague and raised funds to allow officers to take
21 children to cultural and entertainment events; and

1 WHEREAS, Brooke's boundless energy led him to teach
2 psychiatry and the law at the Rush University Medical College
3 and the University of Illinois College of Medicine for many
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Brooke's dedication to children and families
6 included his service on the Illinois Community and Residential
7 Services Authority, a unique and effective State agency helping
8 Illinois children with complex emotional challenges locate the
9 services they need; and

10 WHEREAS, Brooke Whitted leaves Illinois with a legacy of
11 important and lasting achievements that should be a model for
12 all who advocate for children here in the State and across the
13 nation; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we mourn the passing of Brooke Whitted and express our
17 sympathies to his wife, Linda, his daughter, Layne, his son,
18 Ross, and the numerous members of his extended family, whom he
19 also loved and supported; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That we declare that Illinois is a much better
21 place due to the energy, integrity, intellect, and caring of
22 Brooke Whitted; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Brooke Whitted as an expression of
3 our sympathy.