

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Brandon Silveria, who at 17 was seriously
3 injured in an alcohol-related crash in his native northern
4 California, now tours the country full-time on behalf of the
5 Century Council to educate students about the dangers of teen
6 drinking and driving; and

7 WHEREAS, The Century Council, funded by America's leading
8 distillers, is an organization dedicated to fighting alcohol
9 abuse, focusing on drunk driving and underage drinking
10 problems; and

11 WHEREAS, Project 29 Inc. invited Brandon Silveria to
12 bring his message to the four high schools along Route 29 in
13 Christian and Sangamon counties; and

14 WHEREAS, Since becoming spokespersons for the Century
15 Council, Brandon Silveria and his father have addressed more
16 than 250,000 parents and students in New York, California,
17 Maine, Oregon, Texas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Michigan,
18 Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Virginia, Massachusetts,
19 Connecticut and the District of Columbia; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to local media coverage in every
21 city Mr. Silveria visits, his story has been featured on the
22 nationally syndicated television programs, "Rescue 911" and
23 "Leeza"; and

24 WHEREAS, During his presentations, Mr. Silveria shares
25 the tragic story of his 1987 alcohol-related accident which
26 left him in a coma for over two-and-one-half months and in
27 rehabilitation for several years; and

28 WHEREAS, His presentations continue to receive standing
29 ovations and pledges to never drink and drive from students
30 across the country; on May 25, 2001, Mr. Silveria reached his
31 one-millionth student with his message; and

1 WHEREAS, During the week of April 1, 2003, Mr. Silveria
2 will tell his story at several schools in the State of
3 Illinois, beginning with Taylorville High School and
4 continuing with Rochester, Edinburg, and Pana high schools,
5 the four high schools located along Illinois Route 29 in
6 Christian and Sangamon counties; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we commend Century Council spokesman Brandon Silveria for his
10 contributions in educating students about the dangers of teen
11 drinking and driving and in honor of his contributions
12 proclaim April 1 through April 7, 2003 Brandon Silveria Week
13 in the State of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 presented to Brandon Silveria and Project 29 Inc.