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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives have learned that a resident of the State of 4 Illinois, through sad and tragic circumstances, has earned an 5 important distinction and will be appropriately honored in the 6 near future; and

WHEREAS, We are deeply disturbed to see a life full of promise suddenly snapped closed; while we remember and reflect on the inspirational life of 22 year-old Ryan Rendleman, who became the victim of a traffic accident last spring while on the way to a photo assignment in Southern Illinois; and

WHEREAS, This native of Batavia and honors graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale touched many lives through his giving personality, abundant talent, and devotion to his faith; and

WHEREAS, His creativity as a photojournalist was matched with a passion to help fellow students, learn from faculty and staff at the Daily Egyptian, and speak candidly when he detected shortcomings; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives takes this opportunity to salute the decision to add his name to the

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- 1 Journalists Memorial at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. on
- 2 March 30, 2009; and
- 3 WHEREAS, He becomes the first collegiate journalist to be
- 4 included with over 1,900 fellow professionals from around the
- 5 world who have lost their lives while gathering news;
- 6 therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 8 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 9 extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Ryan
- 10 Rendleman and recognize his outstanding contributions that
- 11 have made Illinois a better place for all its citizens; and be
- 12 it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
- 14 presented to the family of Ryan Rendleman and the Southern
- 15 Illinois University in Carbondale as symbols of our sincere
- 16 sympathy.