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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Matthew
4 Edward Ryan of Joliet, who passed away on September 13, 2010;
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6 WHEREAS, From 2004 until his passing, Matthew Ryan served
7 as Chief of Staff for Will County Executive Larry Walsh; he
8 also worked closely with the Joliet Chamber of Commerce, the
9 Center for Economic Development, the Rialto Square Theatre,
10 Easter Seals, Cornerstone Services, the 911 Board, and the
11 Joliet Development Arsenal Authority; and

12 WHEREAS, Matthew Ryan became active in politics in his
13 teens when his uncle ran for city treasurer in Alton in 1972;
14 he managed his uncle's reelection as city treasurer in 1977; he
15 also helped develop the winning strategy for Paul Lenz's
16 reelection as Mayor of Alton after Lenz was disqualified from
17 the ballot because of petition deficiencies; at the time, the
18 election was one of the largest write-in victories for a city
19 of Alton's size; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1980, Matthew Ryan served as an area
21 coordinator for David Robinson, who ran against Paul Findley
22 for the 20th Congressional seat; the campaign staff for the

1 Robinson team included David Wilhelm, Rahm Emanuel, and Forrest
2 Claypool; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1982, Matthew Ryan joined Senate President Phil
4 Rock's staff; he was elected as President of the Illinois Young
5 Democrats in 1984; he managed the successful campaign of United
6 States Representative George Sangmeister in 1992; he signed on
7 with the Paul Vallas for Governor campaign as campaign manager
8 in 2001, with the State-wide campaign resulting in the closest
9 Democratic primary race in more than 25 years despite being
10 outspent 3-1 by an incumbent Democratic Congressman; and

11 WHEREAS, Matthew Ryan and his wife, Angela Welsh, met at
12 the State capitol and were married in 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, Matthew Ryan is survived by his wife, Angela; his
14 parents, Robert and Mary Jane (Yenny) Ryan; his sisters, Susan
15 (Jim) Martin and Kathleen (Dave) Lang; and his nieces, Anne
16 Martin, Tess Martin, and Leslie Lang; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
20 Matthew Ryan; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Matthew Ryan as a symbol of our
2 sincere sympathy.