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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Scott Sierzega of Brother
4 Rice High School in Chicago on his second place finish at the
5 2017 Illinois High School Association Class 2A State
6 Championship in wrestling; and

7 WHEREAS, Scott Sierzega compiled a season record of 39 wins
8 and four losses as he advanced to the State Championship match
9 in the 220 pound division - a monumental feat for someone who
10 had never so much as won a conference title before; despite his
11 perseverance, he fell 1 to 0 in the championship match on
12 February 18, 2017; and

13 WHEREAS, Scott Sierzega credits his success during the
14 2016-2017 season to the power of friendship; his best friend,
15 Jacob Schmitz, passed away from leukemia during the summer of
16 2016; he dedicated that upcoming season to his friend and
17 became inspired to try and win a State Championship to honor
18 Jacob; and

19 WHEREAS, Scott Sierzega made major lifestyle changes to
20 realize his goal; he gave up soda, cut back on candy, upped his
21 training regimen, spent more time in the weight room, and
22 became more receptive to his coaches' instructions; and

1 WHEREAS, Scott Sierzega believes that the memory of his
2 friend gave him the inner strength to make it as far as he did;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
6 recognize Scott Sierzega of Brother Rice High School in Chicago
7 on his second place finish at the 2017 Illinois High School
8 Association Class 2A State Championship in wrestling; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to Scott Sierzega as an expression of our esteem and
12 respect.