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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dan Bigg,  
4 who passed away on August 21, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, Dan Bigg grew up in Winnetka and lived most of his  
6 life in Chicago; in the mid-1980s, he worked as a substance  
7 abuse treatment worker and took note of the high rate of HIV  
8 infection among people who shared syringes to inject drugs; and

9 WHEREAS, Dan Bigg co-founded the Chicago Recovery Alliance  
10 in 1992 to help stem the increase in HIV/AIDS cases in Chicago  
11 and across the world from the use of dirty needles; a decade  
12 later, as heroin-related deaths surged, he pioneered the idea  
13 of putting the overdose-reversing medication naloxone into the  
14 hands of drug users and their loved ones; as a result of his  
15 efforts, thousands of lives have been saved; and

16 WHEREAS, Dan Bigg was honored in recent years by the  
17 International Drug Policy Reform Conference for his work and by  
18 Chicago Magazine, which named him Chicagoan of the year; he was  
19 passionate about the physical and mental health of people who  
20 were often overlooked; and

21 WHEREAS, Dan Bigg is survived by his wife, Karen

1 Stanczykiewicz-Bigg; his daughters, Sophia and Alexandria; and  
2 his son, Zachary; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
5 mourn the passing of Dan Bigg, and extend our sincere  
6 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
7 him; and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Dan Bigg as an expression of our  
10 deepest sympathy.