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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Luke Miller of Champaign, who passed away on March 11, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Luke Miller was born in Urbana to Ryan and Heather (Cupps) Miller on May 6, 2001; and

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WHEREAS, Luke Miller was a sophomore at Champaign Centennial High School; he was a member of the Charger archery and golf teams, and was awarded an academic letter in the fall of 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Luke Miller was one of the top male archery shooters in the State; he excelled in the sport not only as an athlete, but as a teammate and he demonstrated excellent sportsmanship; in 2016, at the NASP Archery Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky, he placed in the top 1% of shooters ranking him 55th out of nearly 13,000 total participants; he was also a talented budding artist and participated in many art classes at Centennial; he recently had his art displayed at a juried show at the Illini Union Art Gallery; and

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WHEREAS, Luke Miller began working with the Urbana Park District Urban Planning Department in the summer of 2016 where

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1 he was learning about park management and natural resources for
2 a potential career; he was an active member of the All School
3 4-H Club having served as President, Vice-President, and
4 Treasurer during his eight years in 4-H; he won many awards at
5 the Illinois State Fair including Grand Champion and State
6 Superior ribbons in photography, geology, art, and sport
7 fishing; he was instrumental in mentoring younger 4-H members
8 in their projects and encouraging them to get involved in other
9 4-H activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Luke Miller played Little League baseball for the
11 American and Champaign East Little Leagues; he was often the
12 tall lefty at first base, and had a curve ball that left many
13 batters and umpires stumped; he threw one game in his last year
14 as a suited level player with 14 strikeouts, and hit a stand-up
15 triple in the same game; he played for the Jefferson Middle
16 School baseball team during his eight grade year; he was a
17 member of the Science Olympiad Team for three years, was
18 inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, and was on the
19 honor roll; he was a member of the standout Jaguar Archery Team
20 where, as a member of the top-shooting "Gold Team", he was
21 awarded a medal as the Illinois Middle School State Male
22 Champion, and competed at the National and World tournaments;
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24 WHEREAS, Luke Miller had a passion and a zest for life and

1 did nothing at less than 100%; he was often called an "old
2 soul" by many because of his maturity and compassion for
3 others; he loved fishing for hours at subdivision ponds,
4 photography, geology, Cardinal baseball, golfing, and spending
5 time with his family and friends; he loved helping others with
6 anything they needed, whether that was talking to someone
7 during a tough time and making them laugh when they needed it,
8 helping with homework, learning how to fish, teaching archery
9 tips, or giving a timely hug; his smile was infectious, his
10 jokes legendary, and he had enough fishing equipment to rival a
11 sporting goods store; he had a big personality and will be
12 missed dearly by so many lives he touched; and

13 WHEREAS, Luke Miller is survived by his parents; his
14 grandparents, Larry and Susan Miller, and Beth and Bill Cupps;
15 his uncles and aunts, Marc and Debbie Miller, and Brad and
16 Laurel Allen; and his beloved cousins, Lilly and Logan Allen;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
20 Luke Miller, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
21 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the family of Luke Miller as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.