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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with deep sadness of the untimely death of Eric "Eek" James Hensgen of Carterville on Thursday, May 5, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Eric was born on February 17, 1983, in Carbondale, to James William and Cheryl Elaine (Park) Hensgen, and is a younger brother to Jason William Hensgen and Hayley Jayne Orendoff; he lived in Carterville all of his life; and

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WHEREAS, He attended Carterville schools and was an outstanding wrestler for the Carterville Lions; he loved sports, all sports, and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Detroit Lions; he enjoyed boating and water sports during the summer on Crab Orchard Lake; and

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WHEREAS, Eric was well-known for his sense of humor, out-going personality, big smile, and an even bigger heart; and

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WHEREAS, The passing of Eric "Eek" James has been deeply felt by many, especially his mother and step-father, Cheryl Vinson and Donald Vinson; his father and step-mother, James Hensgen and Carla Hensgen; his brother, Jason Hensgen and Michelle Lyon; his sister and brother-in-law, Hayley Jayne and Jason Orendoff; and Tim and Patty Park, Melvin and Vicky Park, Wayne and Melanie Park, and Jeff and Nan Park, along with their families and all from Chillicothe, Ohio; Debbie and Darold Jones and family; Stephen Hensgen and family; Pat and Dale Wilson and family; Valerie and Eddie Long; Brett and Melissa Vinson; Casey Vinson and daughter Makayla; Carl and Linda Vinson; Deann and David Overturf and son David Anthony; Corey Richardson; Arlie and Lita Stout and family; Boyd and Nancy Stout and family; Carl and Lori Stout; Allean and Robert Meacham and family; his step grandparents, John and Fern Stout; his grandmother, Eunice Hensgen; his step-great-grandmother,

1 Helen Stutsman; and his friends and neighbors, Anne and George  
2 Browning, Jessica Sadie and Alex Reed, and Donnie and April  
3 Burress; he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Melvin  
4 and Mary Park, and his grandfather, Wilbur Hensgen; therefore,  
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
8 Eric James Hensgen, who was taken from this world much too  
9 soon, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family,  
10 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest  
13 sympathy.