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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation was established in memory of Daniel Lee Katz, a 25-year old resident of Highland Park, who died of a prescription drug overdose on June 15, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation has partnered with the DEA Educational Foundation in Washington, D.C. to bring the message of awareness to parents and children all across America through the Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit; and

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WHEREAS, The objective of the Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts, education, parental involvement, and community-wide support; and

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WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse is one of the major challenges that the nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for families in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Prescription drug abuse contributes to domestic violence and sexual assault and places the lives of children at risk; and

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WHEREAS, Although public awareness of prescription drug

1 abuse is increasing, prescription medications are among the
2 most abused drugs by young people in the United States, and the
3 growing epidemic demands attention; and

4 WHEREAS, Between 1996 and 2006, the percentages of
5 admissions to substance abuse treatment programs as a result of
6 the abuse of methamphetamines, prescription medications, and
7 marijuana each rose significantly; and

8 WHEREAS, A dramatic increase in illegal Internet
9 pharmacies selling controlled drugs without the need of a
10 prescription is causing a rise in the abuse of prescription
11 drugs in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Drug dealers specifically target children by
13 marketing illicit drugs that mimic the appearance and names of
14 well known brand-name candies and foods; and

15 WHEREAS, Parents, youth, schools, businesses, law
16 enforcement agencies, religious institutions, service
17 organizations, senior citizens, medical and military
18 personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United
19 States will experience the Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit in
20 venues all over the State of Illinois and the United States and
21 see for themselves how this epidemic of prescription drug abuse
22 is killing children; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the goals
3 and ideas of the DEA Educational Foundation and the Save A Star
4 Drug Awareness Foundation's Rx Factor Traveling Exhibit; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That we encourage children and teens to live
7 drug-free lives; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That we encourage the people of the United States
9 to promote the creation of drug-free communities and to
10 participate in drug prevention activities to show support for
11 healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation as a
15 symbol of our respect.