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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Paxton lost a beloved member of their community with the passing of 26-year-old Clayton Lee Hale on February 12, 2015, following several courageous battles with cancer; and

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WHEREAS, Clayton Hale was born on August 26, 1988 in Gibson City to Larry and Diana Eppelheimer Hale; and

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WHEREAS, Clayton Hale graduated from Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School, where he was a member of the school's Future Farmers of America chapter; he began working for True Value Hardware Store in Paxton during his senior year of high school, a job he held until 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Clayton Hale was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Paxton; and

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WHEREAS, Clayton Hale was a very positive, happy person who touched the lives of so many; and

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WHEREAS, Clayton Hale loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing; and

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WHEREAS, Clayton Hale was fascinated by trains and enjoyed spending much of his free time on the City of Paxton's walk

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1 bridge over the Canadian National Rail Road tracks where family  
2 and friends say he loved to watch the trains and feel the  
3 breeze beneath him as they passed; and

4 WHEREAS, The Paxton City Council is renaming the walk  
5 bridge over the railroad tracks 'Clayton's Bridge' in memory of  
6 Clayton Hale and the inspiring and courageous way he battled  
7 obstacles in his life; and

8 WHEREAS, Clayton Hale is survived and missed by his  
9 parents; his brothers, Jade Tavenner and Corey (Dawn)Tavenner;  
10 his maternal grandmother, Mildred Eppelheimer; and his  
11 paternal grandmother, Lena Camp; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 join the Paxton community in celebrating the life of Clayton  
15 Hale and the renaming of the walking bridge in his memory; and  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Clayton Hale as a symbol of our  
19 sympathy and respect.