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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Peroxisome Biogenesis Disorder - Zellweger Spectrum Disorder ("PBD-ZSD" or simply "PBD") is a rare genetic disorder that affects 1 in 50,000 births within the United States of America; and

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WHEREAS, PBD causes life threatening symptoms for most infants and children who have the disease; and

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WHEREAS, PBD results in poor muscle tone, hearing loss, vision loss, low bone density, seizures, liver and kidney dysfunction, and developmental delays; and

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WHEREAS, PBD causes a mutation in any of the 13 genes termed PEX genes; and

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WHEREAS, Max Chapman, born October 17, 2013 and a resident of Bloomington, was diagnosed with PBD at the age of 14 months; with his loving heart, his cheerful disposition, and boundless personality he has inspired countless family members and friends in Central Illinois to spread awareness of this devastating disorder; and

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WHEREAS, Max Chapman's parents, Corin and Todd Chapman, and his grandparents, Alan and Kathie Chapman and Greg and Patty

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1 Garbe, hope to create awareness for PBD by sharing Max's story  
2 through blogging, social media, video, and fundraising events;  
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4 WHEREAS, May 19, 2016 is the inaugural Tee it Up! For the  
5 GFPD Golf Outing at Illinois State University's Weibring Golf  
6 Club to honor Max Chapman and to raise funds for The Global  
7 Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders (GFPD), in support of  
8 their mission to advocate for awareness of PBD and support new  
9 avenues for medical research in the development of treatments  
10 and cures; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 recognize the plight of those fighting Peroxisome Biogenesis  
14 Disorder, such as Max Chapman, and its devastating effects; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we urge more awareness be brought to the  
17 condition of PBD and the struggle to develop treatments and  
18 possibly a cure; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Max Chapman as an expression of our esteem and  
21 respect.