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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ryan Roy  
4 Whitehouse, who passed away on September 24, 2025; and

5           WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse was born in Normal on November  
6 14, 1981; he was raised on a farm in Arrowsmith; he graduated  
7 from Ridgeview High School, where he served as senior class  
8 president; he received a Bachelor of Science in Politics and  
9 Government from Illinois State University; and

10           WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse served as the government and  
11 public affairs director for the McLean County Chamber of  
12 Commerce from 2007 to 2013; he then served as the associate  
13 director of national legislation & policy for the Illinois  
14 Farm Bureau until June 2019 when he was named the associate  
15 director of local government & political engagement; he was  
16 currently serving as director of national legislation for the  
17 Illinois Farm Bureau, where he developed and implemented  
18 Allies in Agriculture, a local engagement program with the  
19 goal of encouraging the network of county Farm Bureaus to  
20 engage with their local elected and appointed officials; and

21           WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse was a deacon of his church and a  
22 member of the Arrowsmith Town Board in his earlier years; he

1 served on the board of directors for the Illinois State  
2 University Central Illinois Young Alumni and on the boards of  
3 the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC) and  
4 the St. Jude Bloomington-Normal to Peoria Run; he was  
5 chairperson of the St. Jude Run/Walk Committee, the  
6 Bloomington-Normal Economic Development Council, and the  
7 Connect Transit Board of Trustees; he was also a member of the  
8 Edgar Fellows Program, class of 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse enjoyed running and biking,  
10 completing several half marathons and triathlons, and working  
11 alongside his father and siblings on various projects; he was  
12 known for his rice krispy treats and buffalo chicken dip; and

13 WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse dedicated his entire life to  
14 community service and his family, touching the hearts of  
15 everyone he met; he will be remembered for his leadership, his  
16 laughter, and the immense love he had for his family and  
17 friends; and

18 WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse was preceded in death by his  
19 father, William; his maternal and paternal grandparents; his  
20 uncle, Charles; and his cousin, Casey; and

21 WHEREAS, Ryan Whitehouse is survived by his mother,  
22 Michelle; his siblings, Mike, Mindy, Wayne, and Craig (Amy);

1 his nieces and nephews, Cory, Eve, Matthew, Hunter, Brandt,  
2 Dawson, and Mikey; his goddaughter, Avery Ummel; his uncle,  
3 Bill Marc; and many cousins; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we mourn the passing of Ryan Roy Whitehouse and extend our  
7 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew  
8 and loved him; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Ryan Whitehouse as an expression of  
11 our deepest sympathy.