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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Steve Cook of Milford, Michigan will begin his attempt to summit the Ama Dablam mountain in Nepal in October of 2015 as a charity fundraising effort; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Cook's goal is to raise a minimum of \$30,000 for Make-A-Wish Michigan; with a summit at an elevation of 22,349 feet, his goal equals \$1.34 for every foot he will climb; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Cook has climbed for the past 6 years and views this trip to Nepal as an opportunity to bring a higher purpose to his climbing by raising awareness and funds for Make-A-Wish Michigan; he reached 90% of his fundraising goal 6 weeks before his climb; his wife, Robin, has been a volunteer and supporter of Make-A-Wish Michigan for more than 10 years; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Cook's love for climbing began in 2009 when he ascended Mount Rainier in Washington; the Ama Dablam mountain in Nepal is rated as "Difficulty Level: Advanced" for climbers; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Cook is originally from Taylor Ridge; he has a horticulture degree from the University of Illinois of

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1 Urbana-Champaign; he has been a golf course superintendent
2 since 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, Steve Cook's journey begins on October 17, 2015
4 when he departs Michigan on his way to Los Angeles, California
5 and then on to Seoul, South Korea, and finally, Nepal; he
6 expects his journey to be completed on November 17; therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 honor Steve Cook's attempt to summit the Ama Dablam mountain in
11 Nepal and recognize him on his efforts to raise money for
12 Make-A-Wish Michigan; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Steve Cook as an expression of our esteem and
15 respect.