



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

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- WHEREAS: David Bloom grew up in Edina as an avid tennis and hockey player and high school debater. He attended Pitzer College in Clairmont, California, from 1981 to 1985, where he was national debate champion; and
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- WHEREAS: David Bloom was embedded with the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division reporting on the war with Iraq from the "Bloom Mobile" when he died suddenly on April 6, 2003, just thirty miles from Baghdad, of a pulmonary embolism; and
- WHEREAS: David Bloom is survived by his wife Melanie, his daughters Nicole, Christina, and Ava, his parents Harold and Laura, his brothers John and Jim, and his sister-in-laws Barb and Allison; and
- WHEREAS: In David Bloom's last communication with his wife Melanie on April 5, 2003, he wrote, "when the moment comes in life when you are talking about my last days, I am determined that you and others will say 'he was devoted to his wife and children, he was admired, he gave every ounce of his being for those whom he cared most about... not himself, but God and his family'"; and
- WHEREAS: David Bloom always will be remembered for his dedication, tenacity, and tremendous talent. He embodied the spirit and service of Minnesotans, earning a place in the hearts of our people and the history of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 6, 2004:

DAVID BLOOM DAY

in the State of Minnesota in honor and remembrance of the one-year anniversary of his passing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this second day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and four, and of the State the one hundred forty-fifth.


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SECRETARY OF STATE

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