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Bill moves forward to help Iowa families who have lost a child

(Cedar Falls, Iowa) -- Since its inception in 2011, the Sing Me to Heaven Foundation has provided financial assistance to over 40 families in Iowa who have lost a child. Soon, with support from the State of Iowa, the organization may be able to reach many more.

When Iowa House Representative, Bob Kressig, heard about the Sing Me to Heaven Foundation he was compelled to act and introduced House File 2291 to the Iowa House. The bill asks for an appropriation of \$100,000 from the State of Iowa and has been assigned to Representative Dave Heaton. Qualifying families including parents, guardians, and custodians, would be able to receive up to \$2,000 from the Iowa Department of Health to help pay for fees associated with their child's funeral.

"The loss of a child is the most difficult experience a family can ever go through," said Kressig. "Not having the financial resources to provide a proper burial of a child adds more stress for the family. I think we should make sure every Iowa family that needs assistance for a dignified burial can get it. The bill I introduced this year, House File 2291, will provide this assistance to parents, guardians, or custodians for the death of a child."

To learn more about House File 2291, The Sing Me to Heaven Foundation, or to schedule an interview, please contact Lalaina Rabary at lrabary@gmail.com or 563-920-8021.

About The Sing Me to Heaven Foundation

The Sing Me to Heaven Foundation was established in 2011 to assist grieving families in Iowa with funeral expenses after the loss of the child. The non-profit organization is the only organization of its kind in the United States and is based out of La Porte City, Iowa. Initiatives began after Jennifer Mehlert experienced the loss of her daughter, Natalie, in 2010 and was overwhelmed by funeral expenses.

Together Jennifer and her mother, Diane McIntosh, are committed to helping Iowa families as they grieve and journey towards healing. Learn more about the Sing Me to Heaven Foundation by visiting their website www.singmetoheaven.org.