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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Tara Emerson Beeney of Pekin, who passed away on June 4, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, Tara Beeney was born on April 6, 1969 in Sterling; her parents were Lonnie and Barbara (Potts) Emerson; she married Ron Beeney on September 19, 1994, in Eureka; and

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WHEREAS, Tara Beeney graduated from Western Illinois University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement; she was also a varsity cheerleader at Western Illinois University; after graduation, she began an 18-year career with the East Peoria Police Department as a patrol officer until leaving due to her illness; and

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WHEREAS, Tara Beeney was a member of the New Life Fellowship Church in Pekin; and

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WHEREAS, Tara Beeney was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Ernest and Mildred Emerson, and her maternal grandfather, Kenneth Potts; and

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WHEREAS, Tara Beeney is survived by her father, Lonnie (Joan) Emerson; her mother, Barbara Emerson; her daughter,

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1 Liberty L. Rhoades; Liberty's half-sister, Bailey Rhoades; her  
2 maternal grandmother, Audrey Potts; Ron Beeney; her  
3 mother-in-law, Flavia Rhoades; her mother and father-in-law,  
4 Judy (Marion) Beeney; Liberty's father, Ronnie Rhoades; and her  
5 stepbrothers, Mark (Kimberly) Leman and Jack Leman; and

6 WHEREAS, Tara Beeney will be remembered fondly by all who  
7 knew and loved her for her warm heart and the way that she  
8 touched everyone's life; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
11 her family and friends, the passing of Tara Emerson Beeney; and  
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to the family of Tara Beeney as an expression of our  
15 sympathy.