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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 Alexis
4 Ann Wernsing of Litchfield, who passed away on October 1, 2015;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing was born in Litchfield on May 10,
7 1975 to Edwin "Big Ed" and Patricia (nee Beeler) Wernsing; she
8 attended Zion Lutheran School and graduated from Litchfield
9 High School in May of 1994; she graduated from Lincoln Land
10 Community College in May of 2011 with an Associate in Arts
11 degree with honors and was commencement speaker for her
12 graduating class; and

13 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing most recently attended the
14 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she was
15 pursuing a degree in art history; she had been a resident of
16 Nugent Hall there for the past 4 years and served on the
17 Director's Student Advisory Council at Beckwith Residential
18 Support Services; she received the Chez Family Foundation
19 Scholarship for the past 2 years and the Urbana-Champaign
20 Business Women's Club Scholarship; and

21 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing student taught at Lincoln Land
22 Community College for the past 3 summers and was a teaching

1 assistant for Dr. Deana McDonagh on the U of I campus; most
2 recently, they were working to design and build a voice
3 amplifying system called AmpliMy that received a \$10,000
4 Illinois Proof-of-Concept award from the U of I Office of
5 Technology Management; and

6 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing enjoyed friends and Facebook and
7 communicating by texting; she was close to her 2 nephews and
8 enjoyed playing Uno with them; her favorite pet was Heinrich,
9 her dachshund, who frequently sat on her lap and rode on the
10 Weiner taxi; she was a fan of the St. Louis Blues Hockey team,
11 frequently attending games with her family; and

12 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing was a member of Grace Evangelical
13 Lutheran Church in Litchfield, where she was active in the
14 Ladies Aid group; and

15 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing was preceded in death by her
16 maternal grandfather, Ralph Beeler, and her paternal
17 grandparents, Burrell and Melvina Wernsing; and

18 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing is survived by her parents; her
19 brother, Doug (Michelle, nee Leefers); her nephews, Landon Paul
20 and Carter Dean Wernsing; her grandmother, Lucille (Gronewald)
21 Beeler; her godparents, Darrel and Karen Wernsing; and many
22 aunts, uncles, and cousins; she also considered her friends at

1 LLCC in Springfield and at U of I at Urbana-Champaign to be her
2 family; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 mourn the passing of Alexis Ann Wernsing, and extend our
6 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
7 and loved her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Alexis Wernsing as an expression of
10 our deepest sympathy.