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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 Meg Ryan Fitzgerald of Chicago, who passed away on February 28, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald, the daughter of Dan and Nancy (Braida) Fitzgerald, was born in Spring Valley on April 26, 1985; she married Kevin Turk on April 21, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald was raised in Oglesby, where she attended Holy Family School and St. Bede Academy; she enjoyed spending time with her loved ones, especially her many cousins and friends, reading, attending music concerts, learning, and playing sports; she always honored commitments and dedicated herself to doing her best, and she was known for her thoughtfulness, kindness, patience, and her abilities in listening, showing gratitude, and expressing thankfulness; and

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WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald received a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from DePaul University in 2007 and a Master of Arts in Child Development with a specialization in Administration from the Erikson Institute in Chicago in 2015; she began her professional teaching career as a preschool teacher in 2007 for the Diocese of Chicago at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in the Old Town neighborhood, where

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1 she later became its early childhood director; and

2 WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald was hired as a founding teacher
3 for Bennett Day School, a new progressive school in the West
4 Loop in Chicago, in 2013; she later served as curriculum
5 coordinator and director of the Early Childhood program as the
6 school expanded to serve pre-K through high school students,
7 and she played an integral part on the planning team for the
8 school's building expansion; she also served as a presenter at
9 multiple early childhood education conferences and was
10 published in the National Association for the Education of
11 Young Children's journal, Teaching Young Children; and

12 WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald was a member of the Immaculate
13 Conception-St. Joseph School Board, and she served as vice
14 president of the Commercial Park Advisory Council in the West
15 Town neighborhood; and

16 WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald was preceded in death by her
17 maternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Lou Braid; her
18 paternal grandparents, Donald and Gertrude (Roemmich)
19 Fitzgerald; her uncles, Rick Braid and David Fitzgerald; and
20 her aunt, Jane (Braid) Dzierzynski; and

21 WHEREAS, Meg Fitzgerald is survived by her husband of
22 eight years, Kevin; her twin children, Edith Jane Turk and

1 William Fitzgerald Turk; her sister, Dana Fitzgerald; her
2 parents; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and
3 friends; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
6 Meg Ryan Fitzgerald and extend our sincere condolences to her
7 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Meg Fitzgerald as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.