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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 Charles James "Charlie" Kirk, who died on September 10, 2025 after being shot while speaking at a Turning Point USA event on the campus of Utah Valley University; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk, the son of Robert and Kimberly Ann Kirk, was born in Arlington Heights on October 14, 1993; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk attended Wheeling High School and later studied at Harper College before leaving to pursue public activism; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk married Erika Lane Frantzve on May 8, 2021, and he was the proud father of two children, a three-year-old daughter and one-year-old son; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk co-founded Turning Point USA in 2012 at the age of 18, launching the conservative advocacy group as a shoestring campus effort and building it into a well-funded national organization; and

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WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk later created affiliated groups, including Turning Point Action and Turning Point Faith; and

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1           WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk hosted The Charlie Kirk Show on talk  
2 radio, appeared regularly on media outlets, and addressed such  
3 major political conferences as the 2022 Conservative Political  
4 Action Conference (CPAC) and the 2024 Republican National  
5 Convention; and

6           WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk authored multiple books and toured  
7 college campuses across the United States to encourage  
8 political debate and free exercise of our First Amendment  
9 rights; and

10           WHEREAS, Tragically, Charlie Kirk's life ended at the  
11 young age of 31 while engaging in a debate of ideas in the  
12 public square; and

13           WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk is survived by his wife, children,  
14 and parents; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17 Charles James "Charlie" Kirk and extend our sincere  
18 condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
19 him; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Charlie Kirk as an expression of our  
2 deepest sympathy.