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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the tragic deaths of Zachary Bailey, his wife, Kelsey Bailey, and their children, Vada Rose and Samuel Bailey, who lost their lives in a helicopter crash in Montana on October 22, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, Zachary Bailey was the beloved son of former Illinois State Senator Darren Bailey, who served with distinction in the Illinois Senate from 2021 to 2023, and his wife, Cindy Bailey; and

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WHEREAS, Zachary Bailey, age 37, was a devoted husband, father, man of faith, and fourth-generation farmer who contributed to the success and growth of the family's agricultural operations; and

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WHEREAS, Kelsey Bailey, age 35, was a kind, passionate, and inspiring individual who owned Faithfully Fit Supplements and Nutrition, a business in Effingham, where she encouraged others to pursue healthier lives guided by faith, dedication, and service; and

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WHEREAS, Zachary and Kelsey Bailey shared a deep and abiding faith that shaped their lives and their marriage; and

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1           WHEREAS, Zachary and Kelsey Bailey were devoted parents  
2 who found their greatest fulfillment in their family and in  
3 raising their children with love and faith; and

4           WHEREAS, Vada Rose Bailey, age 12, and Samuel Bailey, age  
5 7, were beloved children who brought joy and happiness to all  
6 who knew them and will be remembered for their laughter and  
7 curiosity; and

8           WHEREAS, The entire Bailey family was active in their  
9 ministry and in their community, living their faith through  
10 service, kindness, and compassion toward others; and

11           WHEREAS, The Baileys' second eldest child, Finnley Tate  
12 Bailey, age 10, survives his parents and siblings and is  
13 surrounded by the love and support of family and friends; and

14           WHEREAS, The Bailey family's sudden and heartbreaking loss  
15 has deeply affected the community of Louisville and all who  
16 knew them, leaving an enduring legacy of faith, love, and  
17 unity; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20 Zachary, Kelsey, Vada Rose, and Samuel Bailey and extend our

1 heartfelt condolences to Darren and Cindy Bailey, Finnley  
2 Bailey, and the entire Bailey family; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Zachary and Kelsey Bailey as an  
5 expression of our deepest sympathy and support.