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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 Brianna Hope Wood of Peoria, who passed away on August 23, 2021; and

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WHEREAS, Brianna Wood was born in York, Pennsylvania to Jeff and Sandi Okrongley Cross on May 29, 1989; she lived in Pennsylvania for the first eight years of her life; her family then moved to Oxford, Mississippi before relocating to Peoria in 1999; she graduated from Dunlap High School in 2007 and earned her bachelor's degree in Education from St. Ambrose University in 2011; she married Ryan Wood in Peoria on December 19, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Brianna Wood taught third grade at Harrison School in Peoria, pursuing her life's passion to make a difference in underserved communities; she was devoted to her students, attending their games and performances and checking on them at home; and

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WHEREAS, Brianna Wood loved performing in local community theater productions; whether she was the lead role or a dancer in the ensemble, her smile and energy owned the stage; she also loved crafting, making TikTok videos, and watching The Office; she enjoyed relaxing on the beach and spending time at

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1 amusement parks, where she would ride the most extreme roller
2 coasters; and

3 WHEREAS, Brianna Wood was known for her unmatched capacity
4 to love and her ability to feel every emotion exponentially;
5 she was the first to hit the dance floor, the biggest smile in
6 every photo, and the loudest laugh in the room; she loved her
7 family and friends above all else; and

8 WHEREAS, Brianna Wood was preceded in death by her
9 grandmother, Helen Cross; her uncle, Roger Cross; her
10 father-in-law, Steve Wood; and her best friend, Alexa Sheeder;
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12 WHEREAS, Brianna Wood is survived by her parents; her
13 husband; her sister, Jordan (Mitch) Ryan; her brother, Trevor
14 Cross; her maternal grandparents, Nancy DenBesten and Walter
15 (Ann Marie) Okrongley; her paternal grandfather, Wayne Cross;
16 her mother-in-law, Edie Wood; her sister-in-law, Erin (Dillon)
17 Kelly; her nephews, Cooper Ryan and Silas Miller; her nieces,
18 Lily Miller and Charlotte Ryan; and her many aunts, uncles,
19 cousins, and other extended family members; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
22 Brianna Hope Wood and extend our sincere condolences to her

1 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to the family of Brianna Wood as an expression of our
5 deepest sympathy.