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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 Stacks the Library Cat of Litchfield, who passed away on May 10, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Stacks was found abandoned near Gillespie and then taken to Adopt-A-Pet in Benld, where she was adopted by the Litchfield Carnegie Public Library in 2009; she made the move to the library's new facility in 2018; and

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WHEREAS, Stacks lived in the library with staff checking on her on days the library was closed; and

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WHEREAS, Stacks worked as a mouser, greeter, and elevator attendant at the Litchfield library, and her care and food were funded by donations; and

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WHEREAS, During her tenure, Stacks was featured as one of 45 amazing literary cats in the February issue of Cat Fancy magazine in 2010; she was also featured in The State Journal-Register and the Chicago Tribune; notably, there are an estimated 700 cats living in libraries around the world; and

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WHEREAS, Stacks had a playful nature, including a fondness

1 for hiding behind a computer screen and popping out to
2 surprise patrons and riding the library elevator; she also
3 liked watching birds from the library front window; therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
7 Stacks the Library Cat and extend our sincere condolences to
8 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
9 further

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