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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 Alexis Ann Wernsing of Litchfield, who passed away on October 1, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing was born in Litchfield on May 10, 1975 to Edwin "Big Ed" and Patricia (nee Beeler) Wernsing; she attended Zion Lutheran School and graduated from Litchfield High School in May of 1994; she graduated from Lincoln Land Community College in May of 2011 with an Associate in Arts degree with honors and was commencement speaker for her graduating class; and

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WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing most recently attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she was pursuing a degree in art history; she had been a resident of Nugent Hall there for the past 4 years and served on the Director's Student Advisory Council at Beckwith Residential Support Services; she received the Chez Family Foundation Scholarship for the past 2 years and the Urbana-Champaign Business Women's Club Scholarship; and

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WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing student taught at Lincoln Land Community College for the past 3 summers and was a teaching assistant for Dr. Deana McDonagh on the U of I campus; most

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1 recently, they were working to design and build a voice
2 amplifying system called AmpliMy that received a \$10,000
3 Illinois Proof-of-Concept award from the U of I Office of
4 Technology Management; and

5 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing enjoyed friends and Facebook and
6 communicating by texting; she was close to her 2 nephews and
7 enjoyed playing Uno with them; her favorite pet was Heinrich,
8 her dachshund, who frequently sat on her lap and rode on the
9 Weiner taxi; she was a fan of the St. Louis Blues Hockey team,
10 frequently attending games with her family; and

11 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing was a member of Grace Evangelical
12 Lutheran Church in Litchfield, where she was active in the
13 Ladies Aid group; and

14 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing was preceded in death by her
15 maternal grandfather, Ralph Beeler, and her paternal
16 grandparents, Burrell and Melvina Wernsing; and

17 WHEREAS, Alexis Wernsing is survived by her parents; her
18 brother, Doug (Michelle, nee Leefers); her nephews, Landon Paul
19 and Carter Dean Wernsing; her grandmother, Lucille (Gronewald)
20 Beeler; her godparents, Darrel and Karen Wernsing; and many
21 aunts, uncles, and cousins; she also considered her friends at
22 LLCC in Springfield and at U of I at Urbana-Champaign to be her

1 family; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Alexis Ann Wernsing, and extend our sincere condolences to her
5 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the family of Alexis Wernsing as an expression of
9 our deepest sympathy.