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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 Caroline Meister of River Forest, who passed away on March 18, 2024 at the age of 32; and

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WHEREAS, Caroline Meister was born to John and Jean Meister on January 29, 1992; and

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WHEREAS, Caroline Meister was a lifelong resident of River Forest, and she attended Oak Park and River Forest High School, graduating in 2010; she expressed herself through art, theater, and improv; and

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WHEREAS, Caroline Meister graduated from Oberlin College in 2014, where she collected many friends and advocated for social justice causes; and

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WHEREAS, Caroline Meister led Girls Circles for impoverished teens at the YWCA of Lorain County following her graduation; and

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WHEREAS, Caroline Meister arrived in California for a meditation program in February 2020 and stayed when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down travel, a decision that would change her life in countless positive ways; and

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1 WHEREAS, Caroline Meister was a courageous seeker who
2 found her path at the Tassajara Zen Mountain Center in
3 northern California; she was excited to tackle all adventures,
4 whether they be hiking mountain trails, taking a road trip to
5 visit family and friends, or exploring a master's degree
6 program in drama therapy and marriage counseling; and

7 WHEREAS, Caroline Meister enjoyed baking bread, watching
8 comic skits, gardening, and making expressive cards, often
9 with dried leaves attached; she loved big ideas and small
10 tasks, seeing the world with awe; and

11 WHEREAS, Caroline Meister was a loving and compassionate
12 leader with strong problem-solving skills and will be
13 remembered by her parents with overflowing love and pride; and

14 WHEREAS, Caroline Meister is survived by her parents; her
15 siblings, Elizabeth and Will; and many aunts, uncles, and
16 cousins; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
19 Caroline Meister and extend our sincere condolences to her
20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Caroline Meister as an expression
3 of our deepest sympathy.