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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Ayden Noelle O'Malley of Nokomis, who 4 passed away on January 22, 2018; and

MHEREAS, Ayden O'Malley was born in Springfield to Dennis M. and Rosalind R. Johnson O'Malley on December 27, 2003; she was an 8th grader at St. Louis Catholic School (SLS), where she never missed the honor roll; she was a member of the SLS Children's Choir and often joined in singing during weekly masses and school masses; she was a previous member of the SLS Scholastic Bowl team, the Hawks basketball team, and the CHAOS youth group; she was a member of the Nokomis Lady Braves volleyball team where she played the libero position; she was also a 2nd baseman and center fielder for the Lady Braves softball team, where she led the team in stolen bases and received the team Spirit Award for being a role model; and

WHEREAS, Ayden O'Malley had many friends and loved to attend Braves games, especially the Lady Brave's basketball games, announcing her friends as they took the court; she volunteered collecting food for the food pantry, painting the newly remodeled Nokomis Christian Missions, helping the little ones shop at the Santa Store at the Winter Wonderland, and helping at many fundraisers for her school and church; she

- 1 enjoyed slumber parties, music, Snapping, Starbucks Coffee,
- 2 and hanging out with her friends, family, and cousins; she
- 3 loved her role as aunt to her two-year old nephew, spending as
- 4 much time with him as she could; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Since she was young, Ayden O'Malley could be found
- 6 wearing her Nokomis Redskin cheerleading uniform, cheering
- 7 beside her sister or in the stands cheering at her brother's
- 8 football games; she was involved in dance classes for many
- 9 years and especially loved Hip-Hop; she was a past member of
- several soccer teams; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Ayden O'Malley was preceded in death by her
- 12 cousin, Danial Miller; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Ayden O'Malley is survived by her parents; her
- 14 sister, Amber (Bryant Wright) O'Malley; her brother, Nick
- 0'Malley; her nephew, Brody Wright; her grandparents, Denny and
- Doris O'Malley, Mike and Gaylyn Casey, and Larry and Gail
- Johnson; her great-grandfather, Ernie (Mary Ann) Pieper; many
- aunts, uncles, and cousins, especially Alexandra and Lauryn
- 19 Miller, Seth Johnson, and Spencer O'Malley; and numerous
- friends, teammates, teachers, coaches, youth leaders, priests,
- 21 and neighbors; therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL

- 1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 2 Ayden Noelle O'Malley, and extend our sincere condolences to
- 3 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
- 4 further
- 5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 6 presented to the family of Ayden O'Malley as an expression of
- 7 our deepest sympathy.