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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Elizabeth Leigh "Lizzie" Dykstra of
4 Savoy, who passed away on January 22, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Lizzie Dykstra, the daughter of Greg and Joan
6 Dykstra, was born in Urbana on July 8, 1981; she graduated from
7 Urbana Middle School, formerly known as Prairie Elementary
8 School, and the Urbana SPH (severe/profound handicapped)
9 program; and

10 WHEREAS, Lizzie Dykstra served as a minister and witness
11 of her faith, which involved assisting her father through
12 making salvation wrist beads and helping distribute them,
13 including sharing them with strangers; her silent ministry was
14 featured in a chapter of a book by author Kendra Smiley; and

15 WHEREAS, Lizzie Dykstra enjoyed traveling with her parents
16 throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean, whether it was camping
17 or cruising; she especially enjoyed visiting the Savoy Walmart
18 to see her favorite employees, whose kindness made her smile;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Lizzie Dykstra, even with her profound
21 disabilities, led a precious and valuable life while making a

1 meaningful impact on hundreds of lives; and

2 WHEREAS, Lizzie Dykstra is survived by her parents; her
3 brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Abbie; her niece and
4 nephew, Sophie and Alex; and her many relatives and friends;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
8 Elizabeth Leigh "Lizzie" Dykstra and extend our sincere
9 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
10 her; and be it further

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