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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Meghan Lynn Harmon of Divernon,
4 formerly of Litchfield, who passed away on January 26, 2025;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Meghan Harmon was born in Springfield to Robert
7 Joseph and Beth (Hermsmeyer) Harmon on December 22, 1983; she
8 graduated from Litchfield High School in 2002 and earned
9 several degrees, including an Associate Degree in Secondary
10 Education from Lincoln Land Community College in 2004, a
11 Bachelor of Arts in English in 2006 and a Master of Arts in
12 English in 2008, both from the University of Illinois
13 Springfield, and a Master of Science in Library and
14 Information Science in 2012 from the University of Illinois
15 Urbana-Champaign; she married Greg Bishop in Springfield on
16 September 17, 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, Meghan Harmon taught young adults English and
18 humanities as an adjunct professor at Lincoln Land Community
19 College; she then served as the local history and genealogy
20 reference librarian at the Chatham Area Public Library
21 District before taking the position of reference librarian at
22 the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, where she
23 earned the nickname "Megstar"; she then worked for the

1 Illinois Secretary of State at the Illinois State Library as a
2 library program specialist; and

3 WHEREAS, Meghan Harmon had a passion for books, and she
4 conducted professional presentations about rare manuscripts
5 and how the public can access a wealth of information from
6 their local and state libraries; she was involved in the
7 Friends of the Chatham Area Public Library, volunteering and
8 performing in a decade's worth of murder mystery fundraisers;
9 she also enjoyed bonding with her fellow honors students as
10 part of the International College Honor Society Phi Theta
11 Kappa; and

12 WHEREAS, Meghan Harmon enjoyed traveling with her husband;
13 they made four trips to Iceland, hiked 10 miles of the Alaska
14 wilderness, toured many of the national parks in the
15 southwest, and explored some of nature's most amazing caves;
16 they also enjoyed concerts, dinners, game nights with close
17 friends, and holidays with family; when she was not busy
18 training for a foot race, kayaking with her husband, or taking
19 in arts and culture, she enjoyed home renovation projects; and

20 WHEREAS, Meghan Harmon was preceded in death by her
21 maternal grandparents, Carl and Joyce (Satterlee) Hermsmeyer,
22 and paternal grandfather, William Harmon; and

1 WHEREAS, Meghan Harmon is survived by her husband, Greg;
2 her parents; her brother, Kyle R. Harmon; her paternal
3 grandmother, Margaret Harmon; her four-legged daughter figure,
4 Pause the Cat; the Honors Girls, Biz, Adrienne, Tiffer, and
5 Meesa; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and
6 nephews; therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Meghan Harmon as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.