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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Kathryn Susanne "Kit" Corley of
4 Chatham, who passed away on April 28, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Kit Corley was born to Elizabeth (Reid) and John
6 Corley in Carbondale on June 22, 2017; she and her family later
7 relocated to Chatham; and

8 WHEREAS, Kit Corley attended the Little Flower School for
9 preschool, Glenwood Elementary School for kindergarten, and
10 Chatham Elementary School for first and second grade; and

11 WHEREAS, Kit Corley was a dedicated helper, assisting in
12 yard work and gardening, a goofball who enjoyed performing
13 silly dances or showing off her signature funny face, and a
14 devoted Taylor Swift fan, singing along to the music with
15 joyful confidence; she enjoyed suggesting family movie nights,
16 organizing fun activities for her younger cousins, and putting
17 the wants and needs of others before her own; and

18 WHEREAS, Kit Corley, affectionately referred to as "Kit
19 Kat" by family and friends, was an old soul known for her
20 sincere empathy and kindness, connecting with people of all
21 ages and often responding with a comment that spoke to a

1 maturity beyond her young age; and

2 WHEREAS, Kit Corley will be remembered for making the most
3 of her brief life, brightening the lives of everyone she
4 encountered with her loving, compassionate nature and
5 unforgettable personality; and

6 WHEREAS, Kit Corley was preceded in death by her father,
7 John; and

8 WHEREAS, Kit Corley is survived by her mother, Elizabeth;
9 her stepfather, Carl Ostermeier; her sisters, Fiona and Rose;
10 her stepsiblings, Elijah and August; her great-grandmother and
11 namesake, Kathryn "Kit" Refine; her grandparents, Jack and
12 Susan Reid, Tom Corley, and Peggy Connors; her bonus
13 grandparents, Carl and Melanie Ostermeier; and a host of
14 cousins, aunts, and uncles; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Kathryn Susanne "Kit" Corley and extend our sincere
18 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 her; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Kit Corley as an expression of our

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1 deepest sympathy.