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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Alma Lee Buhnerkempe of Chatham, who
4 passed away on April 28, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe was born in Springfield to
6 Billie (Huber) and Michael Buhnerkempe on July 10, 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe was a second grader at Chatham
8 Elementary School, and each day, she would head to school with
9 a smile on her face, excited to learn and play with her
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe aspired to be an artist and
12 loved to paint; she also played piano and loved to dance while
13 attempting to make YouTube videos; and

14 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe was a social butterfly who could
15 talk to anyone and had a strong sense of community, fostered by
16 the Girl Scouts; she was a devoted sister and loved spending
17 time with her family, especially her cousins; she had an
18 infectious energy, a goofy sense of humor, and a sense of
19 compassion that was boundless; and

20 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe loved sports, especially

1 gymnastics; she could often be found on the soccer field or
2 basketball court with her Queen Bees, laughing and playing
3 with a group of friends that were nearly inseparable; she was a
4 budding Illinois basketball, LA Galaxy, and STL City fan and
5 enjoyed popcorn and ice cream at many games; and

6 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe had the heart of an explorer;
7 she visited 17 states and loved discovering new places, with
8 her favorite place being Walt Disney World; and

9 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe was preceded in death by her
10 grandfather, Anthony Huber; and

11 WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe is survived by her parents; her
12 brother, Will; her grandparents, Dana and Kurt Armstrong and
13 Barb and John Buhnerkempe; her aunts and uncles, Lauren
14 (Darby) Sabo, Deric (Amanda) Armstrong, Morgan (James)
15 Scheffers, Jeff (Emily) Buhnerkempe, and Tommy Buhnerkempe;
16 and her cousins, Otto, Mack, Cole, Cameron, Noah, Hadley,
17 Harper, Aaron, and Mason; therefore, be it

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

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