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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Charles James "Charlie" Kirk, the
4 cofounder of Turning Point USA, who passed away on September
5 10, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was born in Arlington Heights on
7 October 14, 1993; he attended Wheeling High School and later
8 studied at Harper College before leaving to pursue activism;
9 he married Erika Frantzve in 2021; and

10 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk co-founded Turning Point USA in 2012
11 at the age of 18, launching the conservative advocacy group as
12 a shoestring campus effort and building it into a well-funded
13 national organization; through the organization, he
14 established a number of affiliated groups, including Turning
15 Point Action and Turning Point Faith; and

16 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk became a prominent ally of President
17 Donald Trump and a well-known media figure; he hosted The
18 Charlie Kirk Show on talk radio, appeared regularly on
19 conservative outlets, and addressed such major political
20 conferences as the 2022 Conservative Political Action
21 Conference (CPAC) and the 2024 Republican National Convention;
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1 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was the author of several books,
2 including Campus Battlefield in 2018, The MAGA Doctrine in
3 2020, and Right Wing Revolution in 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk will be remembered for his campus
5 activism, youth engagement, and faith-based organizing; and

6 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk is survived by his wife and their
7 two children; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
10 Charles James "Charlie" Kirk, the cofounder of Turning Point
11 USA, and extend our sincere condolences to his family,
12 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Charlie Kirk as an expression of our
15 deepest sympathy.