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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On April 28, 2025, at approximately 3:20 p.m., a vehicle crashed into YNOT Outdoors, an after-school facility at 301 Breckenridge Road in Chatham, resulting in the deaths of five young people and the injuries of several others; and

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WHEREAS, The five individuals who succumbed to their injuries sustained in the incident were Rylee D. Britton of Springfield, age 18, Alma L. Buhnerkempe of Chatham, age 7, Kathryn S. Corley of Chatham, age 7, Ainsley G. Johnson of Chatham, age 8, and Bradley J. Lund of Springfield, age 8; and

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WHEREAS, Rylee Britton was born on November 8, 2006, and she passed away on April 28, 2025; at the time of her passing, she was a senior at Glenwood High School who worked as a counselor at YNOT Outdoors and planned to attend the University of Iowa; she loved music, performing in productions at the Hoogland Center for the Arts and Theatre in the Park; she was known for her courageous and kindhearted nature, facing every challenge with a brave smile while inspiring those around her, and her infectious positivity and warmth touched everyone she met; and

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WHEREAS, Alma Buhnerkempe was born on July 10, 2017, and she passed away on April 28, 2025; at the time of her passing,

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1 she was a second grader at Chatham Elementary School; she was a  
2 social butterfly who could talk to anyone and had a strong  
3 sense of community, fostered by the Girl Scouts, and she was a  
4 devoted sister who loved spending time with her family,  
5 especially her cousins; she had an infectious energy, a goofy  
6 sense of humor, and a boundless sense of compassion; and

7 WHEREAS, Kathryn Corley was born on June 22, 2017, and she  
8 passed away on April 28, 2025; at the time of her passing, she  
9 was a second grader at Chatham Elementary School; she was a  
10 dedicated helper, a goofball who enjoyed performing silly  
11 dances or showing off her signature funny face, and a devoted  
12 Taylor Swift fan; she enjoyed suggesting family movie nights  
13 and organizing fun activities for her younger cousins; she was  
14 an old soul known for her sincere empathy and kindness,  
15 putting the wants and needs of others before her own; and

16 WHEREAS, Ainsley Johnson was born on February 16, 2017,  
17 and she passed away on April 28, 2025; at the time of her  
18 passing, she was a second grader at Glenwood Elementary  
19 School; she enjoyed dancing at Studio M Dance Center and  
20 participating as a soccer player with the Springfield Area  
21 Soccer Association (SASA) Youth Recreational League; she was  
22 also a music lover, often singing along to any song she heard  
23 and borrowing her father's AirPods while he was mowing to  
24 listen along with him; and

1           WHEREAS, Bradley Lund was born on April 4, 2017, and he  
2 passed away on June 2, 2025; at the time of his passing, he was  
3 a second grader at Glenwood Elementary School; he delighted in  
4 the simple joys of childhood and possessed a heart full of  
5 wonder and a limitless capacity for joy; he found comfort in  
6 story time snuggles with his mom and was an avid volunteer  
7 alongside his family; he was a playful spirit known for his  
8 curiosity, laughter, compassion, creativity, and the quiet joy  
9 he radiated; and

10           WHEREAS, Although their lives were far too brief, these  
11 five victims each brought unimaginable joy and light into the  
12 lives of their respective families and friends, and their  
13 legacies will live on through their loved ones, their  
14 communities, and countless others who share in the grief of  
15 these promising youths being tragically taken too soon;  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, on the one year  
19 anniversary of this incident, we mourn the loss and celebrate  
20 the lives of the five young victims of the Chatham YNOT  
21 tragedy, Rylee D. Britton, Alma L. Buhnerkempe, Kathryn S.  
22 Corley, Ainsley G. Johnson, and Bradley J. Lund, and we extend  
23 our sincere condolences to their families, friends, and all

1 who knew and loved them; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
3 presented to the families of Rylee Britton, Alma Buhnerkempe,  
4 Kathryn Corley, Ainsley Johnson, and Bradley Lund as an  
5 expression of our deepest sympathy.