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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Kristin E. Abbott, M.D. of Park Ridge, formerly of Sylvania, Ohio, who passed away on January 21, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Abbott was born to Linda and Duane Abbott on September 3, 1982; as a child, she played French horn in the Toledo Youth Orchestra and skated with the Ann Arbor Hockettes International Junior Synchronized Skating Team; she graduated from Sylvania Southview High School in Sylvania, Ohio in 2001; she received her Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and Zoology from Miami University in 2005; during her undergraduate studies, she skated internationally with the Varsity Synchronized Skating Team for four years; she earned her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Toledo College of Medicine in 2009; she completed her residency in family medicine at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and a fellowship in sports medicine at the University of Minnesota; she married Kevin Pansky in 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Abbott began working as a team physician for Northwestern University Athletics/Sports Medicine in 2013, providing medical services to multiple teams, including field hockey, lacrosse, and women's basketball; she became the

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1 medical director for Northwestern Medicine Student Health  
2 Services in 2020; she also served as an assistant professor of  
3 the Department of Family and Community Medicine through  
4 Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine; during  
5 her tenure, she profoundly and positively impacted the health  
6 and well-being of thousands of students and student-athletes  
7 at Northwestern University; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Abbott was a physician in the national  
9 network for Team USA figure skaters, serving as team physician  
10 for Team USA figure skaters at the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in  
11 Beijing, China; she was appointed as a national technical  
12 specialist for synchronized skating and served as vice chair  
13 of the Technical Panel Committee on synchronized skating for  
14 the U.S. Figure Skating Association; she also served as chair  
15 and vice-chair of the Sports Science and Medicine Committee  
16 for U.S. Figure Skating and was a participant in the Medical  
17 Standards Working Group of the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic  
18 Committee's National Governing Bodies (USOPC NGB); and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Abbott published and co-authored reviewed  
20 articles related to figure skating and sports medicine; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Abbott was a beloved mother, wife, daughter,  
22 sister, mentor, and friend who enjoyed watercolor painting,  
23 crocheting, and championing for mental health, diversity, and

1 equity inclusion; she will be remembered for her adventurous  
2 spirit, her compassionate care towards patients, and her deep  
3 and enduring love for all; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Abbott is survived by her husband; her  
5 children, Declan and Teagan; her parents; her grandmother,  
6 Helen Soucek; her sister, Erin (Nick) DiLorenzo; her  
7 parents-in-law, Mike Pansky and Maureen Pansky; her  
8 brother-in-law, James Pansky; her sisters-in-law, Rita Pansky  
9 and Jenna (Chris) Bryant, M.D.; and her nephew and nieces,  
10 Mason, Harper, and Lily; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
13 Kristin E. Abbott, M.D. and extend our sincere condolences to  
14 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the family of Dr. Abbott as an expression of our  
18 deepest sympathy.