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SENATE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened  
3 to learn of the death of Brendan Farrell of Oak Park, who  
4 passed away on October 21, 2022 at the age of 26; and

5           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell was born in Oak Park to Mary  
6 Alice (Gibbons) Farrell and Shaun T. Farrell on October 4,  
7 1996; and

8           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell lived a very rich life in Oak  
9 Park, and, due to an autism diagnosis, he received an out of  
10 district placement at Giant Steps, a day school located in  
11 Lisle; during his academic journey, he was supported  
12 immeasurably by District 97 and District 200; and

13           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell spent his life in Oak Park  
14 enjoying summers at the pools and riding around town on his  
15 adult tricycle; he especially loved his Friday visits to the  
16 library, trips to the conservatory to see the fish, and rides  
17 to the main fire station; and

18           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell was sweet, gentle, happy, goofy,  
19 loving, and affectionate; though he was nonverbal, he  
20 developed brilliant and memorable ways of communicating with  
21 clarity and compassion; and

1           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell touched the lives of many people,  
2           and these friends contributed to the brightness and fullness  
3           of his life; and

4           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell attended Giant Steps from  
5           kindergarten until his graduation at age twenty-two, and he  
6           then enjoyed their adult day program, Canopy; and

7           WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell had a strong bond and special  
8           friendship with his maternal grandmother, the late Beatrice  
9           Gibbons; and

10          WHEREAS, Brendan Farrell is survived by his mother, Mary;  
11          his father, Shaun; his brothers, Jack and Kevin; his  
12          stepmother, Annmarie Dore; his grandma, Pat Farrell; and his  
13          aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom had a special place in  
14          their hearts for him; therefore, be it

15          RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
16          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
17          Brendan Farrell and extend our sincere condolences to his  
18          family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
19          further

20          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Brendan Farrell as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.