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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate Kennedy Blades on winning the silver medal in the women's wrestling freestyle 76-kilogram event at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France; and

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WHEREAS, Kennedy Blades, the daughter of Saul Pulido and Sergeant Cindy Ramos of the Chicago Police Department's 7th District, is a resident of Garfield Ridge and a current student of the University of Iowa; and

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WHEREAS, To qualify for the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics, Kennedy Blades defeated six-time world champion and 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics silver medalist Adeline Gray in the 76-kilogram class at the U.S. Olympic Wrestling Trials in April 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Kennedy Blades obtained the silver medal in the final 76-kilogram match against gold medalist Yuka Kagami of Japan on August 11, 2024, with a final score of 1-3; and

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WHEREAS, Through Kennedy Blades' achievement, the United States became the only country other than Japan to win more than one Olympic gold medal since the women's wrestling event was added to the Summer Games in 2004; and

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1 WHEREAS, In honor of her achievements, Kennedy Blades was
2 selected to serve as grand marshal of the annual Halloween
3 Pumpkin Jamboree Parade on Archer Avenue in Chicago on October
4 26, 2024; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
7 Kennedy Blades on achieving the silver medal in the women's
8 wrestling freestyle 76-kilogram event at the 2024 Summer
9 Olympics in Paris, France, commend her for serving as an
10 exemplary representative of the State of Illinois and the
11 United States, and wish her continued success in her athletic
12 endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Kennedy Blades as an expression of our esteem and
15 respect.