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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 Brittani Nichole Shurtz of Benton, who passed away on August 20, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on December 31, 1989, in St. Louis; she was a cancer survivor; her courageous battle was an inspiration to all who knew her; and

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WHEREAS, She graduated with the class of 2008 from Benton Consolidated High School; she was a cheerleader and homecoming attendant her freshman and senior years; she attended Rend Lake College and John A. Logan College; and

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WHEREAS, She was an avid animal lover and was majoring in veterinary nursing; she loved movies, music, concerts, or just hanging out with friends and family; and

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WHEREAS, Brittani Shurtz is survived by her loving parents, Steve Shurtz and Michelle Shurtz and her fiancée, Scott Peavler; her sister, Taylor Koch; her paternal grandparents, Rodney and Marjorie Shurtz; her maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Roberta Barnfield; her maternal great-grandmother, Margaret Piercy; several aunts and uncles, Rod and Tonya Shurtz, Carl Shurtz, Kathy Shurtz, Jeff and Natalie Shurtz, Dan

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1 and Cindy Schmechel, and Kenneth and Brandice Barnfield; her
2 cousins, Natasha, Seiger, Sayler, Macy, and Nathan Shurtz, and
3 Chelsea Barnfield; her special friends, Don and Harriett Koch;
4 and high school sweetheart and former husband, Gavin Nolen;
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 her family and friends, the passing of Brittani Shurtz; and be
9 it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Brittani Shurtz as a symbol of our
12 sincere sympathy.