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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 Elyssa Rosen, who passed away on October 26, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Elyssa Rosen was born and raised in Oak Park; she attended Oak Park elementary schools and graduated from Oak Park and River Forest High School; she received her Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Illinois and earned her Master of Arts in Public Policy at the University of Colorado at Boulder; she also did research in Marine Behavioural Ecology at the University of Victoria in British Columbia; and

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WHEREAS, Elyssa Rosen was a lifetime environmental conservationist; she was a passionate advocate for environmental issues and was published in scientific journals and opinion pages; she served on non-profit boards and trained and supported conservation groups across the Americas; she played significant roles at the Sierra Club and the Great Basin Mine Watch in Nevada, as an independent consultant for a variety of environmental efforts, and at the Pew Charitable Trust; and

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WHEREAS, Elyssa Rosen lived a short but rich life, infused

1 by the Oak Park and River Forest High School motto, "Those
2 Things That Are Best"; and

3 WHEREAS, Elyssa Rosen is survived by her fiance, Matt
4 Newberry; her father, Martin Rosen; her mother, Elaine Bauman;
5 her sisters Karen Thornburg and Lena Wegner; and many other
6 family members; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Elyssa Rosen, and extend our sincere condolences to her family,
10 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to the family of Elyssa Rosen as an expression of our
13 deepest sympathy.