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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate Beth Mund of St. Charles on the occasion of the
4 successful launch of her Stories of Space project; and

5 WHEREAS, The Stories of Space, also known as The STORIES
6 Project and formerly known as the Story SD Card Testing and
7 On-Board Research on the International Space Station
8 Experiment and Survey, is an open-source project available to
9 a global community of storytellers who wish to connect people
10 to space and is driven by a team of scientists, researchers,
11 communicators, and writers; the project features written work
12 that has been sent to and will return from space on micro-SD
13 cards, creating a unique International Space Station science
14 experiment that tests the effects of radiation on micro-SD
15 electronics and data storage; and

16 WHEREAS, Beth Mund serves as the executive director of the
17 Stories of Space project; she is also an analog astronaut, the
18 CEO of Stellar Communications, a former communications officer
19 for NASA, a keynote speaker, and a space communicator; as an
20 analog astronaut, she served on two simulated missions, one to
21 Mars at the HI-SEAS research facility in Hawaii and the other a
22 lunar simulation in Poland at the Lunares Research Station;
23 during her tenure at NASA, she served as a public affairs

1 officer and an International Space Station communications
2 officer; and

3 WHEREAS, Beth Mund is the weekly host of the Casual Space
4 podcast, which provides intimate conversations each week with
5 astronauts, authors, scientists, and CEOs who are looking to
6 share their love for space exploration while helping to
7 inspire the next generation; her podcast will feature work
8 submitted to the Stories of Space project; and

9 WHEREAS, Beth Mund currently serves on the Space Camp
10 Alumni Board and the Space Drinks Association; she is a
11 founding board member of the Women's Leadership Alliance at
12 her alma mater, Loras College, and a two-time host of the
13 Humans to Mars conference; and

14 WHEREAS, Beth Mund works passionately to connect people to
15 space exploration through her projects, her podcast, and her
16 in-person programs; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Beth
19 Mund on the successful launch of her Stories of Space project,
20 and we wish her continued success in her endeavors to make
21 space exploration information accessible for people of all
22 backgrounds; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Beth Mund as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.