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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 Niolis Collazo, who passed away on May 6, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Niolis Collazo was born to Orlando Collazo and Nitza Rivera in San Turce, Puerto Rico on December 17, 1999; as a child, she moved to Illinois with her mother and younger siblings; as a student, she excelled academically, served as a vocalist in her school and church choirs, and was regarded as a volleyball phenomenon and a strong debate team member; she graduated from Waukegan High School in 2018, and she earned her bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in 2022; and

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WHEREAS, After earning her degree, Niolis Collazo served as a counselor and mentor for Youth Guidance's Working on Womanhood (WOW) program at Edith M. Smith Middle School within Waukegan Community Unit School District 60; she also coached the freshman boys volleyball team at Waukegan High School; during her tenure, albeit brief, she made an indelible mark on students, student athletes, and staff alike; and

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WHEREAS, Niolis Collazo was an amazing daughter, sister, niece, friend, coach, counselor, and confidant who possessed a

1 contagious smile and a kind, sweet soul; and

2 WHEREAS, Niolis Collazo was known for her activism,  
3 advocacy, and empathy, and she will be remembered as a bright,  
4 shining light who illuminated the world of those who knew and  
5 loved her; and

6 WHEREAS, Niolis Collazo is survived by her father; her  
7 mother; her stepfather, Terry Joiner; her siblings, Joseph  
8 Acosta, Mia Carani, Edier Collazo, and Yadier Collazo; her  
9 stepsiblings, Lexy, Bradley, Imani, Zackary, and Jacob Joiner;  
10 her nephews, Jayden and Devin Parikh; and a host of family  
11 members, friends, colleagues, and students; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
14 Niolis Collazo and extend our sincere condolences to her  
15 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Niolis Collazo as an expression of  
19 our deepest sympathy.