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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 Erika Lyn Dial of Decatur, who passed away on November 29, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Dial was born in Decatur on May 11, 1969 to Allan Kent and Myra Joy (nee Strader) Coy; she graduated from MacArthur High School in 1987 and attended Richland Community College, majoring in child care; she married Matthew Eugene "Matt" Dial on April 1, 1989 at Decatur First Nazarene; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Dial worked at the First National Bank of Decatur, the Humpty Dumpty Child Development Center, Enterprise Elementary School, and the Kids-N-Fitness child care center; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Dial enjoyed bowling for many years, mainly at the former Eldorado Bowling Alley; she was affectionately known as "Mama Dial" to many; she loved her kids more than anything and accompanied them to all their school events and activities; she was thrilled to become a grandmother, welcoming little Sophia Patricia Dial into her heart and arms; and

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WHEREAS, Erika Dial was preceded in death by her father, Allan; her father-in-law, David Eugene Dial; her first cousin,

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1 Scottie Strader; and her grandparents; and

2 WHEREAS, Erika Dial is survived by her husband of 25 years,
3 Matt Dial; their son, Nic Dial and his family, Samantha and
4 6-month-old Sophia Dial; their daughter, Elizabeth Dial and her
5 special friend, Chris Lowe; her mother, Myra J. Coy; her
6 siblings, David Kent Coy, Diana (Butch) Snyder, Kevin (Judy)
7 Coy, Karen (Brian) Stock, and Ellen (Howie) Baker; her
8 mother-in-law, Nancy (Dan) McCain; her brother-in-law, Justin
9 (Jennifer) Dial and their son, David Dial; her best friend of
10 many years, Lynette Hunt; a special family friend, Danny
11 Whipple; her special cousin, Stefanie Gardner; her nieces and
12 nephews, Tony Snyder, Keely Fiore, John Snyder, Andy Coy, Danny
13 Coy, Sam Coy, Rachel Malachuk, Aaron Stock, Megan Stock, Brett
14 Stock, Aimee Younker, Allison Baker, and Adam Baker, plus 13
15 and another-on-the way in the next generation; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
18 Erika Lyn Dial, and extend our sincere condolences to her
19 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Erika Dial as an expression of our
23 deepest sympathy.