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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to honor the tenure of our esteemed  
4 colleague, State Representative Litesa E. Wallace, and thank  
5 her for her dedicated service to our State and to the people of  
6 Rockford; and

7           WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace was born on the South Side of Chicago  
8 and raised in the south suburb of Country Club Hills; she  
9 attended Western Illinois University, becoming the first  
10 person in her immediate family to complete a college degree;  
11 she subsequently completed a master's degree in applied family  
12 and child studies and a doctoral study in educational  
13 psychology at Northern Illinois University; and

14           WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace applied her education as a therapist  
15 and educator, spending more than a decade counseling children  
16 and adults in need of mental health services; her passion for  
17 service led her to assist former State Rep. Charles E.  
18 Jefferson as a volunteer and later as chief of staff; and

19           WHEREAS, Upon Rep. Jefferson's retirement in 2014, Rep.  
20 Wallace succeeded him in service to the people of the 67th  
21 District; and

1           WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace immediately championed an inclusive  
2 agenda that prioritized those who have been marginalized, those  
3 without a voice, and those who struggle and work several jobs  
4 to make ends meet; and

5           WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace championed the well-being of  
6 children, passing into law a Foster Children's Bill of Rights,  
7 fighting to secure childcare assistance for working parents,  
8 and combatting childhood hunger by requiring schools to provide  
9 students a nutritious meal during the school day; and

10          WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace prioritized the health and  
11 well-being of students by passing into law a new policy that  
12 requires schools to provide access to free feminine hygiene  
13 products in bathrooms; and

14          WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace passionately fought against policies  
15 of discrimination and implicit racial bias, helping pass into  
16 law new training standards for educators and law enforcement;  
17 and

18          WHEREAS, Concerned about the economic development of  
19 Rockford, Rep. Wallace successfully pushed for the extension of  
20 job-creating historic investment tax credit programs that have  
21 assisted in the revitalization of downtown Rockford; and

1           WHEREAS, Always mindful of the disadvantaged within her  
2 community, Rep. Wallace hosted multiple drives through her  
3 district office to provide clothing, food, hygiene products,  
4 and other essential items to those in need; and

5           WHEREAS, Rep. Wallace is an example of perseverance,  
6 dedication, and service to those who have served alongside her;  
7 therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 congratulate and thank State Representative Litesa E. Wallace  
11 for her years of dedicated service; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
13 presented to Rep. Wallace as an expression of our respect and  
14 esteem and with our best wishes for her future success.