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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Transgender, non-binary, and gender-expansive youth and adults have always existed and are part of every community in Illinois; they are parents, family members, coworkers, teammates, neighbors, and friends; the trans community is a beautiful tapestry, representing all racial and ethnic backgrounds as well as all faith traditions; and

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WHEREAS, Transgender Day of Visibility is held annually on March 31st to celebrate the joy, resilience, and beauty of trans and non-binary people everywhere by elevating voices and experiences from these communities; and

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WHEREAS, Trans and non-binary people are welcome and protected in Illinois with the State's values of equality, inclusion, and fairness and beliefs in science, in following research, and in allowing medical decisions to be made between a patient and their health care providers; in Illinois, trans and non-binary people can also be their authentic selves in workplaces, public spaces, and schools; and

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WHEREAS, No Illinoisan should be rendered invisible merely by living their authentic lives; trans people who have chosen to be public servants, including Cook County Judge Jill Rose Quinn, MWRD Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Carbondale City

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1 Councilmember Clare Killman, McHenry Township Clerk Danielle
2 Aylward, Avon Township Clerk Kristal Larson, Decatur School
3 Board Member Alana Banks, Crete Public Library Board Trustee
4 Jackie McKethen, and former Chicago resident and Minneapolis
5 City Council Member Andrea Jenkins, who made history in 2017
6 as the first Black trans woman elected to office in the United
7 States, should be lifted up and supported; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois is proud of today's trans and non-binary
9 trailblazers and leaders, including Miss Major Griffin-Gracy,
10 filmmaker and producer Lilly Wachowski, veteran and business
11 leader Colonel Jennifer Pritzker, Equality Illinois Director
12 of Communications Myles Brady Davis, hall-of-fame triathlete
13 and six-time member of Team USA Chris Mosier, and the late
14 community leader Elise Malary; and

15 WHEREAS, Illinois is the birthplace of many historic trans
16 individuals, including Albert Cashier who fought with bravery,
17 courage, and patriotism as part of Illinois' 95th Regiment in
18 the Battles of Atlanta, Vicksburg, and Natchez during the
19 Civil War; and

20 WHEREAS, Illinois is the home of many impactful trans-led
21 organizations, including Brave Space Alliance, Chicago Therapy
22 Collective, Life is Work, Transformative Justice Law Project
23 of Illinois, and Trans Up Front Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, Anti-trans elected officials across the country
2 and the current federal administration are attacking and
3 attempting to erase transgender people from history; executive
4 and legislative actions are trying to take away healthcare,
5 education, and basic freedoms from trans people and to deny
6 brave and patriotic trans people the opportunity to serve our
7 country as part of the Armed Forces; trans people are also
8 experiencing an epidemic of violence, particularly against
9 Black and Brown trans women; and

10 WHEREAS, It is imperative to represent, support, and
11 protect trans and non-binary individuals who are part of the
12 fabric of the State of Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, Today and every day, it is important to support
14 all trans and non-binary people everywhere and to combat
15 disinformation, discrimination, and hate impacting trans
16 communities; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31, 2025,
20 and we commit ourselves to protecting, supporting, and
21 affirming our trans and non-binary siblings and neighbors each
22 and every day of the year.