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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Deidre  
4 Lynn "Dee" Lee, who passed away on October 2, 2020; and

5           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee was born in Harvey to Earlie Mae and  
6 Melvin Abbott on July 26, 1960; she attended Second Baptist  
7 Church in Harvey and graduated from Thornton Township High  
8 School in Harvey in 1978, where she participated in many clubs  
9 and extracurricular activities; she continued her education at  
10 Columbia College in downtown Chicago; she met Ronnie L. Lee at  
11 St. Mark MBC Cathedral, and they were married in August of  
12 1997; and

13           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee worked for Washington Cemetery,  
14 Playboy Magazine, the Berglund Construction Company, and  
15 Roseland Hospital as administrative assistance to the regional  
16 director; and

17           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee and her husband founded the Nehemiah  
18 Christian Center Ministries, originally in the city of Robbins,  
19 in February of 2001; she served in various roles, including as  
20 a member of the Praise Team, as an administrator, and then as  
21 pastor of the Women's Ministry; and

1           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee received her Church Planter Training  
2 Certificate of Completion in June of 2000; she was licensed to  
3 preach the gospel in August of 2006 and was ordained as a  
4 minister in September of 2010; and

5           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee served as the Leading Lady in the State  
6 of Illinois alongside her husband, who in August 2014 was  
7 consecrated and appointed as Illinois State Bishop of the New  
8 Century Fellowship of Churches; she also served as the Leading  
9 Lady of Impact Covenant Fellowship of Illinois alongside her  
10 husband, who served as Episcopal Prelate; and

11           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee was a loving wife and mother and  
12 balanced motherhood and ministry with near perfection; she was  
13 devoted to her family; and

14           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee was preceded in death by her father,  
15 Melvin Abbott; and

16           WHEREAS, Deidre Lee is survived by her mother, Earlie Mae  
17 Abbott; her husband, Bishop Ronnie L. Lee; her daughters,  
18 Nikeela Kioca Oliver, Shekinah Lynn Lee, Meghan Faith Payton,  
19 and Melanie Joy Lee; her Godson, Michael King; her grandson,  
20 Taharka Payton Jr.; her granddaughter, Maleah Lee; her sister,  
21 Mavis Abbott; her sisters-in-law, Sylvia Tidwell, Doris  
22 (Kenny) Johnson, and Patricia Lee Smith; her brothers-in-law,

1 Earl Lee Jr. and Eugene (Jill) Matthews; her mother-in-law,  
2 Hannah M. Lee; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews,  
3 cousins, and dear friends; therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we mourn the passing of Deidre Lynn "Dee" Lee and extend our  
7 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
8 and loved her; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to the family of Deidre Lee as an expression of our  
11 deepest sympathy.