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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague, Representative LaToya Greenwood, on her more than five years as a member of the Illinois General Assembly and thank her for her dedicated service to her State and her community; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood was born and raised in East St. Louis, where she still resides and is a mother of one son, Nicolas, who attends Loyola University; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University; she furthered her education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where she received her master's degree in Public Administration and Policy; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood is a proud member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the oldest African American Greek letter organization for college educated women who have committed themselves to helping the lives of citizens in their local communities and around the world through education, health, finances, art and culture, and global service; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood's passion and devotion to her

1 community inspired her to return to East. St. Louis after
2 college to make a difference as a public servant, and she
3 served as a councilwoman of the City of East St. Louis before
4 running for state representative; and

5 WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood has been a passionate advocate for
6 the residents of the Metro East area by supporting bills
7 addressing issues of concern for her constituents, including
8 social justice, equity and opportunity, job creation, economic
9 growth, education funding, and improving wages for working
10 families; and

11 WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood served as chairwoman of the Health
12 Care Availability & Access Committee and championed landmark
13 legislation focusing on reproductive rights, maternal and
14 infant mortality, and access to quality and affordable health
15 care; she also served as the vice-chairwoman of the
16 Agriculture & Conservation Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, After the tragic deaths of George Floyd and other
18 members of the Black community, Rep. Greenwood and the
19 Illinois Legislative Black Caucus worked to dismantle systemic
20 racism in the State by passing long overdue reform in criminal
21 justice, education and workforce development, economic access,
22 equity and opportunity, and health care and human services;
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1 WHEREAS, With a continued focus on improving health care
2 availability and access, Rep. Greenwood was integral in the
3 passage of the historic Black Caucus Health Care and Human
4 Services Pillar, which created equity-driven health care
5 reform legislation that addressed the black maternal mortality
6 crisis in Illinois by requiring implicit bias training for
7 hospital staff and ensuring perinatal doula services and
8 evidence-based home visiting services be covered under the
9 medical assistance program for persons who are otherwise
10 eligible for medical assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, In the 102nd General Assembly, Rep. Greenwood was
12 appointed to the leadership position of Majority Conference
13 Chair by Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch in recognition of her
14 leadership, strong bipartisan relationships, and track record
15 of advancing legislation that uplifts women and disadvantaged
16 communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Always mindful of the disadvantaged within her
18 community, Rep. Greenwood hosted multiple charitable drives
19 through her district office to provide clothing, food, hygiene
20 products, and other essential items to those in need and
21 hosted community shred days, job fairs, and community safety
22 events; and

1 WHEREAS, Rep. Greenwood has been recognized by several
2 advocacy organizations for her legislative initiatives,
3 including being named the 2022 Community Health Center
4 Champion Award by the Illinois Primary Health Care Association
5 for her leadership in creating equity and access to quality
6 health care for all Illinoisans; she has also been recognized
7 as a friend of agriculture; and

8 WHEREAS, All who had the honor to serve alongside Rep.
9 Greenwood will miss her bright attitude, warm friendship, and
10 unwavering commitment to bringing people together for the
11 betterment of our State; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate Representative LaToya Greenwood on her
15 achievements and thank her for her years of dedicated service
16 to the State of Illinois and her community; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Rep. Greenwood as an expression of our respect
19 and esteem.