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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Domestic violence is prevalent in every community  
3 and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic  
4 status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or  
5 nationality; domestic violence may take various forms and  
6 include physical violence, sexual violence, emotional abuse,  
7 financial abuse, and controlling behavior; on a typical day,  
8 there are more than 20,000 phone calls placed to domestic  
9 violence hotlines nationwide; and

10           WHEREAS, The devastating consequences of domestic violence  
11 affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting or  
12 lifetime negative effects; and

13           WHEREAS, Preventing domestic violence and supporting  
14 survivors is a priority for the Illinois General Assembly; and

15           WHEREAS, The Hope Card system was established in Public  
16 Act 102-0481, with an effective date of January 1, 2022, to  
17 amend the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 to allow  
18 people protected under an order of protection to have a  
19 convenient and durable way to carry the information on their  
20 Order of Protection with them; and

21           WHEREAS, A Hope Card is a laminated card similar in size to

1 a driver's license, containing information on the order of  
2 protection, including the case number, active dates, and a  
3 photograph of the respondent; these laminated cards are far  
4 less likely to degrade over time and are much more convenient  
5 for victims of domestic violence; and

6 WHEREAS, The Hope Card system will also allow those  
7 protected under an order of protection to have something  
8 simple to give employers, administrators of a child's school,  
9 or anyone who may need to be aware of the protective order; and

10 WHEREAS, Multiple other states have implemented Hope Card  
11 programs, including Montana, Idaho, Indiana, and Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, The Hope Card legislation passed unanimously in  
13 the Illinois State Legislature in the spring of 2021 and was  
14 approved by the Governor on August 20, 2021; the effective  
15 date of the public act is January 1, 2022; and

16 WHEREAS, The Illinois Supreme Court has not yet  
17 implemented the Hope Card program in Illinois; therefore, be  
18 it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we urge the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and

1 the Illinois Supreme Court to immediately start this important  
2 program to support victims of domestic violence and allow  
3 people protected under an order of protection to have a  
4 convenient and durable way to carry the information on their  
5 Order of Protection with them; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
7 delivered to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts  
8 and the Illinois Supreme Court.