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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Sandra Gardner, who passed away on May 22, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner was born to Obie and Mary Gardner on December 6, 1954; she attended Francis W. Parker School in Chicago, where she sang in the a capella choir; and

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WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner worked at Rush Presbyterian Hospital and JMB Realty; she retired in 2019 from Northwestern Hospital after 30 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner was a member of Starlight St. James M.B. Church and developed a commitment to serving others; she joined the choir, singing soprano, and was excited about going to rehearsals, learning new songs, and traveling with the choir; she also served in the Willing Workers Club; she then joined Crusaders Church in 1990; she loved children and was placed over the children's ministry, where she mothered them and treated them like her own; she enrolled in the New Members class, where she bonded with her class and said they were like family; she was a faithful member on the deacons board, serving and ministering to others in need; she traveled with church members on missions to Addis Ababa Ethiopia, the

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1 Czech Republic, and parts of the United States; she was later
2 ordained as a prophetess; and

3 WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner loved traveling and going to
4 church conferences, picnics, and trips with the family; one of
5 her favorite times was being with her son and family every 4th
6 of July; she looked forward to staying overnight to watch
7 fireworks or just visit; she was known as "Nana" to her
8 grandchildren, and being with them was what she would talk
9 about the most; she was so happy to see them achieve their
10 goals, and she would reward them knowing that would make them
11 work harder to receive more surprises; and

12 WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner gave of herself in many ways; she
13 happily donated her time, a ride, a home cooked meal, clothes,
14 or her ear to listen; she enjoyed serving others; she had a
15 bubbly personality, and it was a joy to be in her presence; and

16 WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner loved her siblings, nieces, and
17 nephews; she always looked forward to spending time with them
18 and was glad when the family would meet; cooking was her forte,
19 and she especially loved when family gathered for birthdays
20 and holidays; and

21 WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner was preceded in death by her
22 father, Obie; her brother, Melvin Gardner; and her sister,

1 Dorothy Thompson; and

2 WHEREAS, Sandra Gardner is survived by her mother, Mary
3 Gardner; her son, DeJaun (Crystal) Gardner; her grandchildren,
4 Kahari, Kiari, and Kaeden; her sisters, Sarah Butler, Annie
5 Travis, Mary McKinley, Gloria (Tyrone) Willis, and Joyce
6 Gardner; her brothers, Jimmie (Florida) Gardner and Leonard
7 Gardner; her aunt, Cora Hudson; and numerous nieces, nephews,
8 and friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Sandra Gardner and extend our sincere
12 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
13 her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Sandra Gardner as an expression of
16 our deepest sympathy.