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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 Deborah
4 Bryant, who passed away on April 17, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, Deborah Bryant was born to LaVonia (Mann) Hamlin
6 and James Shaw in Brownsville, Tennessee; she attended
7 Fernwood Elementary School, St. Helena Catholic School, and
8 Harlan High School before furthering her studies at Olive
9 Harvey College; she married Lawrence Bryant, and they had one
10 daughter, Lauren Bryant; she later selflessly adopted five
11 children as her own, Katelin, James, Xavier, Rose, and Davis;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Deborah Bryant made impactful contributions
14 throughout her professional career at a number of esteemed
15 institutions, including Cook County Hospital, Michael Reese
16 Hospital, RR Donnelley Publishing, and the MetroMail
17 Corporation; and

18 WHEREAS, Deborah Bryant resided in the Village of Hazel
19 Crest for 35 years, where she became a familiar and beloved
20 figure on the block of Longfellow Avenue; her vibrant spirit
21 lit up every gathering, and she reveled in the joy of
22 socializing, stepping, dancing, and sharing laughter with

1 friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Deborah Bryant committed to her faith at an early
3 age, and she was a member of Valley Kingdom Ministries
4 International until her passing; and

5 WHEREAS, Deborah Bryant was known for her boundless heart,
6 warmth, and kindness; she will be remembered for her radiant
7 personality, nurturing spirit, and her legacy of love and
8 laughter; and

9 WHEREAS, Deborah Bryant was the mother of six; the
10 grandmother of Amir, Chase, and Chanel; the sister of Sheila
11 (Jonathan) Chalmers-Currin and Jamel Hamlin; the aunt of
12 Kelika Baker and Keith Scott Chalmers; the relation of a host
13 of aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family; and a special
14 friend of Barbara, Les, Tammy, Deni, Sarah, Greg, Larry, and
15 many more; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we mourn the passing of Deborah Bryant and extend our sincere
19 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
20 her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Deborah Bryant as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.