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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Benjamin Lucas Pantoja, affectionately known as Benny, was born on June 9, 2022 to loving parents Yolanda Carrillo and Rogelio Pantoja; and

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WHEREAS, Benjamin Pantoja is lovingly remembered by his siblings, Nicolas and Santiago Pantoja; and

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WHEREAS, Benjamin Pantoja was born 36 weeks and four days before his scheduled due date via c-section; and

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WHEREAS, Upon requesting a birth certificate for Benjamin Pantoja, his parents were not provided with an official birth certificate or information on how to obtain one, nor were they offered any resources or assistance, but instead received a partially filled out commemorative certificate from the hospital; and

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WHEREAS, This lack of support and information underscores a significant gap in the resources provided to families who experience such heartbreaking losses and face medical challenges; and

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WHEREAS, Yolanda Carrillo, driven by her experience with the birth of her son Benjamin Pantoja, has been proactive in

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1 advocating for legislative change during the 103rd General  
2 Assembly, introducing House Bill 5215 and currently supporting  
3 a bill similar to Senate Bill 3182 to address these very  
4 issues; and

5 WHEREAS, The introduction of such bills highlights the  
6 ongoing need for legislative measures to ensure that families  
7 are given proper information and support during these critical  
8 times; 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 recognize and honor the memory of Benjamin Lucas Pantoja  
12 and acknowledge the significant efforts of his mother, Yolanda  
13 Carrillo, in advocating for better support and resources for  
14 families dealing with medical issues and losses; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That we support the ongoing legislative efforts  
17 to close the gap in information and resources provided to  
18 affected families, ensuring they receive the proper guidance  
19 and assistance in navigating their options during such  
20 difficult times.