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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the
3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened
4 to learn of the death of Joyce Ann "Aisha" Ingram, who passed
5 away on July 8, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Aisha Ingram was born in Chicago on March 4, 1957
7 to Eugene and Viola Handley; she attended Fernwood Elementary
8 and graduated from Harlan High School in 1975; she married
9 Walter "Mahir" Ingram on July 20, 1975; she earned her
10 bachelor's degree in business education in May of 1990 and her
11 master's degree in special education and teaching from Chicago
12 State University in 1997; in August of 2004, she received her
13 second master's degree in educational administration and her
14 Type 75-Certification from Governors State University; and

15 WHEREAS, Aisha Ingram worked as a work study coordinator
16 developing one of the largest work study programs in Chicago
17 Public Schools; as a business finance educator and accounting
18 teacher for over 20 years, she fostered relationships with
19 businesses that offered employment opportunities to students
20 who in turn loved her; she taught at Harlan High School, Simeon
21 High School, Fenger High School, and Julian High School; she
22 worked in and always served in leadership roles, including
23 Department Chair of the Education to Career Department of Percy

1 L. Julian High School, the Instructional Leadership Team for
2 staff and curriculum development, teacher advocate of the
3 Chicago Teachers Union, the Professional Personnel Leadership
4 Committee, the National Foundation for Teaching
5 Entrepreneurship, and the local school council; she sponsored
6 annual business entrepreneurship student selling events,
7 annual business employee-employer banquets, career technical
8 education cooperative education luncheons, field trips, job
9 shadowing, and internships; and

10 WHEREAS, Aisha Ingram fell in love with dance while in high
11 school and started taking African dance classes; she later
12 became a member of Muntu Dance Theater, performing with Muntu
13 for over 20 years all over the world; she danced with Muntu in
14 the 90s at the PanaFest in Ghana along with Public Enemy, Isaac
15 Hayes, and Jermaine Jackson; she was also featured in the
16 February of 1993 issue of Ebony Magazine in an article entitled
17 "Professionals Who Moonlight as Entertainers"; she recently
18 returned to Ghana in 2014 and was called to dance at the Cape
19 Coast/Elmina Slave Castle; and

20 WHEREAS, Aisha Ingram was extremely creative and a master
21 braider; she started her own hair braiding business to
22 supplement her income; and

23 WHEREAS, Aisha Ingram was preceded in death by her mother,

1 Viola Handley; and

2 WHEREAS, Aisha Ingram is survived by her father, Eugene
3 Handley; her husband, Walter; her children, Tovis Ingram, Ari
4 Ingram, and Micha'el Ingram; her brothers, Larry (Deborah)
5 Handley and Kenneth (Angelia) Handley; her sister, "Khadeshah"
6 Marianne Gray; her nephews, Rosh and Khalil Handley, Anthony
7 and Christopher Peterson, Devoy Boyd, and Malawchee, Yosawn,
8 Emawnuayl, and Ruvayn Gray; her nieces, Kinah Handley, La Dena
9 Ingram, Karimiah (Awri) Mckee, and Y'Neekaw Gray; her
10 granddaughter, Amariyah Ingram (Ari Ingram and Tangie Brooks);
11 and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 mourn the passing of Joyce Ann "Aisha" Ingram, and extend our
16 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
17 and loved her; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the family of Aisha Ingram as an expression of our
20 deepest sympathy.