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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Cheryl 4 Lynn Williams, who passed away at the age of 56; and

5 WHEREAS, Cheryl Williams was born in November of 1959; her 6 parents were Lonnie Williams and Pamela Garth-Williams; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Williams graduated from Orr High School in 1977 in Chicago before dedicating herself to full-time ministry; she served as the Executive Assistant to Pastor Clarence Stowers, the Senior Pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church of Chicago; she was a founding member of the Melodies of Praise Dance Ministry at Mars Hill and organized the first dance ministry for children, Junior Melodies of Praise; she also coached 40 people through stepping lessons and used her creative talents in graphic design, marketing, and branding to help streamline and support some of the most memorable celebrations and events at the church; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Williams worked with 1st District Commissioner, Earlean Collins of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, on many community endeavors; she also worked with then-State Representative, Karen Yarbrough, at the Illinois Legislative Scholarship Committee; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Cheryl Williams enjoyed dancing, listening to
- 2 music, and spending time with her family; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Cheryl Williams was preceded in death by her
- 4 mother; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Cheryl Williams is survived by her daughters,
- 6 Tikisha and Tyrina; her grandson, Kaden; her father; her niece
- 7 and nephews, Darius, Tanesha, and Howard Jr.; her siblings,
- 8 Lisa, Denise, Marva, Denise, and Jerry; and many aunts, uncles,
- 9 other family members, and friends; therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 12 we, along with her family and friends, mourn the passing of
- 13 Cheryl Williams; and be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 15 presented to the family of Cheryl Lynn Williams as an
- 16 expression of our sympathy.