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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 Shawn
4 Denise Johnson, a long-time resident of Waukegan, who passed
5 away on September 20, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Shawn Johnson was licensed as an instructor in
7 cosmetology and as a nail technician; she was the CEO and
8 founder of the Image Beauty Institute, the first and only State
9 of Illinois Department of Regulations Nail Technology School in
10 Waukegan; opening in December of 2014, the Image Beauty
11 Institute has graduated over 30 students who have successfully
12 passed the State of Illinois State Board Exam to become
13 professionally licensed nail technicians; five of these
14 graduates have opened beautiful salons around the Lake County
15 area; she also developed, published, and founded the From Jails
16 to Nails Life Management Skills Reentry Program; this
17 curriculum-based program helps support individuals with
18 non-violent convictions transition back into the community
19 after incarceration; and

20 WHEREAS, Shawn Johnson will especially be remembered for
21 volunteering a great deal of her time to help make the city a
22 better place to live not only for herself and her family but
23 for women having problems with recidivism and those that lacked

1 employable job skills; and

2 WHEREAS, Shawn Johnson is survived by her four children,
3 Stephanie, Stephen, TraMane, and Mark; her six grandchildren;
4 her identical twin sister, Dawn Johnson; her oldest sister,
5 Charlene Valdez-Simelton; and her mother, Ethel Lene Rogers;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we mourn the passing of Shawn Denise Johnson and extend our
10 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
11 and loved her; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Shawn Johnson as an expression of
14 our deepest sympathy.