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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Dominique Nicole Caldwell, who passed away on September 9, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell was born in Oak Lawn on July 19, 1985; she attended Mayfair Academy in her early years; she graduated from Seton Academy; she received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication with a minor in Spanish from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC); she earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from National Louis University in 2010; she married Gary Caldwell on April 13, 2019; and

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WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell began working at the RH School of Performing Arts (RHSPA), where she was an integral part of the staff, teaching dance and assisting with program development; she also performed and taught within many dance companies throughout Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell began working as a teacher within the Chicago Public Schools after earning her master's degree; she was a second grade teacher at West Pullman Elementary School, where she served on the school's Instructional Leadership Team; she began working at Tanner

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1 Elementary School in 2014, becoming one of the founding  
2 members of the Fine and Performing Arts Department; during her  
3 tenure, she led the school through full arts integration and  
4 played a vital role in organizing multiple performances,  
5 musicals, and plays; she also successfully secured the  
6 Creative Schools Grant which provided the resources and  
7 funding to create an outdoor mural at the school; recently,  
8 she began designing t-shirts under her business name, Nicole  
9 Larue Designs; and

10 WHEREAS, While attending UIUC, Dominique Caldwell was  
11 inducted into the Delta Rho Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho  
12 Sorority, Inc., where she was an avid stepper and loved  
13 teaching others; she then matriculated into the Delta Sigma  
14 Chapter, where she held the positions of Epistoleus, Rhoer  
15 advisor, and 4th Anti Basileus; she assisted in her mother's  
16 induction in 2007 and became a reverse legacy in Sigma; she was  
17 a current member of the Eta Xi Sigma Alumnae Chapter, where she  
18 previously served as a member of its step team; and

19 WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell committed to her faith at a  
20 young age; as a child, she attended St. Kilian Catholic Church  
21 in Chicago; she then served as a praise dancer and  
22 choreographer at St. Ailbe Catholic Church; she later became a  
23 member of New Life Covenant Church; and

1           WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell studied and learned various  
2 dance styles, including ballet, modern, pointe, jazz, tap, and  
3 hip-hop; she enjoyed making various arts and crafts, tackling  
4 improvement projects, and making bracelets, craft and card  
5 boxes, and baby shower baskets; she loved traveling and  
6 spending time at the beach; and

7           WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell will be remembered for her  
8 creativity, her dry sense of humor, and her devotion to her  
9 family and friends; her legacy will live on through Tanner  
10 Elementary School's outdoor mural being dedicated in her  
11 honor, memorializing her service to the school; and

12           WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell was preceded in death by her  
13 grandfather, Otha Perkins, and her grandmother, Ida Mae Smith;  
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15           WHEREAS, Dominique Caldwell is survived by her husband,  
16 Gary Caldwell; her daughter, Layla Nicole Caldwell; her  
17 parents, Victor and Denina Smith, Kevin (Josephine) Laurent,  
18 and Jennifer Jackson; her grandmothers, Thelma Perkins and  
19 Gloria Martin; her sisters, Ashley (Justin) Bowman and  
20 Victoria Smith; her brothers, Raymond (Amy) Laurent and  
21 Cameron Laurent; her nephews, Jayce Bowman and Keishawn  
22 Laurent; her nieces, Skylar Bowman and Kaleeya Laurent; her  
23 godfather, Gary Bratcher; her godmother, Kim Muhammed; her

1 Sigma mother, Doris Brown; and a host of uncles, aunts,  
2 cousins, friends, and in-laws; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
4 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we mourn the passing of Dominique Nicole Caldwell and extend  
6 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who  
7 knew and loved her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of Dominique Caldwell as an expression  
10 of our deepest sympathy.