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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Leslie Ann Walker Dixon, who passed away on September 4, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon, the daughter of Arthur DeWitt Walker Jr. and Dr. Jeanne Eugenia Marani Walker, was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on February 20, 1959; she earned her Bachelor of Science in Administrative Science and Psychology from Yale College and her Master of Business Administration in Finance from Rutgers University; and

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WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon dedicated her career to ensuring vulnerable and underserved populations had access to high-quality health care, serving as a leader in managed care for 30 years; and

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WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon, when serving as Chief Executive Officer of IlliniCare, opened an 80,000-square-foot call center in impoverished Carbondale that employed 350 citizens; and

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WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon provided leadership to expand Medicaid statewide from 12 to 102 counties, resulting in more communities receiving free or low-cost healthcare coverage;

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2 WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon spearheaded healthcare  
3 solutions that focused on the social determinants of health or  
4 an individual's unique circumstances that impact their health  
5 and well-being; and

6 WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon was responsible for leading  
7 efforts to expand healthcare coverage and the view of health  
8 disparities, especially among the vulnerable, and to innovate  
9 and deliver "whole health" solutions for underserved people,  
10 families, and communities in Illinois, Georgia, Indiana, and  
11 Ohio, making health care more equitable and accessible; and

12 WHEREAS, Leslie Walker Dixon's impact on the people around  
13 her, on business, and on the community spans far and wide,  
14 crossing the barriers of gender, race, culture, and  
15 socioeconomic status; she will be remembered for her  
16 commitment to supporting the health of our State's most  
17 vulnerable and underserved people and communities; therefore,  
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
21 Leslie Ann Walker Dixon and extend our sincere condolences to  
22 her family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it

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2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Leslie Walker Dixon as an  
4 expression of our deepest sympathy.