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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 Amour
4 Jean Logan Andrews, Ph.D.; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews was born in Wagoner, Oklahoma on
6 August 25, 1946; she was raised in Muskogee by her
7 grandmother, Jewel Maud Barnett; she was educated at Manual
8 Training High School (MTHS), a historic institution that
9 defied the inequities of segregation to produce generations of
10 leaders, thinkers, and public servants; she majored in
11 speech/public address and language arts at Oklahoma City
12 University; she later earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and
13 Instruction and Counseling from the University of Oklahoma in
14 1972, becoming one of the few Black women of her time to earn a
15 doctorate in education; and

16 WHEREAS, As an educator, mentor, and administrator, Dr.
17 Andrews dedicated her life to transforming educational
18 institutions across Oklahoma and Chicago, including serving as
19 dean of student services at Loop College/Harold Washington
20 College, assistant principal at Gage Park and Paul Robeson
21 High Schools, and literacy coordinator at Roosevelt High
22 School, among many other leadership roles; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews was a founding board member of the
2 AIDS Foundation of Chicago in the late 1980s, advocating for
3 public health and community-based responses to the HIV/AIDS
4 epidemic during a critical era in history; she was later a
5 pillar of Chicago's retired education community, serving on
6 the Board of the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago
7 (RTAC) from 2018 until her passing, where she fought for
8 pension protections, teacher advocacy, and policies that
9 ensured the well-being of retired educators; and

10 WHEREAS, Understanding that the barriers to education
11 extend far beyond the classroom, Dr. Andrews established the
12 Amour Jean Logan Andrews Foundation (AJLA Foundation) in 2023,
13 a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing educational
14 opportunities for underserved students by providing financial
15 support, mentorship, and resources to ensure that academic
16 potential is never stifled by financial hardship; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews' generosity was boundless; she
18 mentored countless young teachers, provided teaching
19 strategies to her grandchildren's educators, delighted in
20 surprising family and new teachers with gift cards, and always
21 ensured that those around her felt valued and supported; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews was a trailblazer in education, a
23 champion for social justice, a devoted mother and grandmother,

1 and an unwavering advocate for underserved communities, and
2 she will be remembered for her outstanding achievements,
3 unwavering service, and transformative impact; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Andrews was the mother of Anita J. (Osei
5 David E. Andrews-Hutchinson) Andrews-Hutchinson and the
6 grandmother of Tendaji O. Andrews-Hutchinson, Asha M.
7 Andrews-Hutchinson, and Mariama S. Andrews-Hutchinson;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
10 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we mourn the passing of Amour Jean Logan Andrews, Ph.D. and
12 extend our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all
13 who knew and loved her; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dr. Andrews as an expression of our
16 deepest sympathy.