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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 former  
4 State Representative Cynthia "Cindy" Soto, who passed away on  
5 March 19, 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto was born to Lydia Niera and Ignacio  
7 Sanchez in San Antonio, Texas on July 8, 1962; she moved to  
8 Chicago, Illinois at the age of five; and

9 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto, while working as a supervisor in the  
10 Child Support Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's  
11 Office, learned that she needed to address the issues facing  
12 her community as an elected official; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto, as a founding member and co-chair of  
14 the Latino Caucus and the first Latina to represent the  
15 Northwest Side of Chicago, celebrated the vibrant Latino  
16 communities of the State and helped pass the TVDL, TRUST and  
17 DREAM Acts, ensuring more immigrants can live freely in the  
18 State they love and more children can go to college; and

19 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto often expressed that two of her  
20 proudest legislative achievements were passing the Living Wage  
21 Act to raise the State minimum wage and expanding access to

1 transplant and dialysis services to undocumented Illinoisans  
2 struggling with life-threatening kidney problems; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto's efforts to reshape the Near Northwest  
4 Side were accomplished on and off the House floor; using her  
5 position as a board member of the Near Northwest Civic  
6 Committee, she championed community-based solutions to  
7 enfranchise more of her neighbors; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto and her work shaped the course of  
9 policy discussions statewide, continually moving Illinois in a  
10 more compassionate, welcoming, and forward direction; and

11 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto was recognized as a force at the State  
12 Capitol who skillfully accomplished things behind the scenes,  
13 and she was well-regarded as a wonderful, positive person and  
14 colleague who offered a joyful smile and an "Hola amigo!" to  
15 all; and

16 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto is survived by her husband, David; her  
17 daughters, Jennifer, Jacqueline (George), and Jessica  
18 (Bradley); five grandchildren; her siblings, Alice, Ignacio,  
19 Hector, and Lydia; and many relatives, friends, and  
20 colleagues; and

21 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto will be remembered for her leadership

1 and contributions to the State, and her spirit and legacy will  
2 live on in the hearts of her husband, daughters,  
3 grandchildren, community, and the members of this Chamber;  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
7 we mourn the passing of former State Representative Cynthia  
8 "Cindy" Soto and extend our sincere condolences to her family,  
9 friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of Rep. Soto as an expression of our  
12 deepest sympathy.