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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 Denise
4 Susanne Habun of Elgin, who passed away on August 16, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Denise Habun was born to Daniel and Susanne
6 (Maday) Habun in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 3, 1956;
7 she was raised in South Milwaukee, where she attended St.
8 John's Grade School; she graduated from Notre Dame High School
9 in Milwaukee in 1974; she received a degree in psychology with
10 an emphasis on women's studies from the University of
11 Wisconsin-Platteville in 1980; after college, she moved to
12 Illinois, where she eventually settled in Elgin; and

13 WHEREAS, Denise Habun worked as a social worker,
14 dedicating her time and energy to being a voice for those who
15 were silenced and to fight for all those who lived in her
16 community; she also worked as a legal advocate for the
17 Community Crisis Center in Elgin and with the HIV community at
18 Open Door until the time of her passing; and

19 WHEREAS, Denise Habun organized the Dr. Martin Luther King
20 Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast celebration in Elgin every year; she
21 served as executive director of Hanover Township's Mental
22 Health Board, and she fought to establish a similar board in

1 Elgin; she was a member of many commissions, boards, and local
2 nonprofits, including the Elgin YWCA, the Open Door Clinic,
3 the Elgin Community Task Force on Policing, Elgin Pride, the
4 Elgin Hispanic Network, the African-American Coalition of Kane
5 County, and the Human Relations Commission of Elgin; she also
6 often attended and participated at Elgin City Council
7 meetings, and she was active in and volunteered for many
8 political campaigns; and

9 WHEREAS, Danise Habun received many awards and
10 recognitions, including the Elgin Community College Foundation
11 Lasting Impact Award in 2024; and

12 WHEREAS, Danise Habun was a staunch advocate for social
13 justice; she was known for her warm, kind, and generous spirit
14 and for her ability to always be understanding; she selflessly
15 committed her time, energy, and talents to the many causes
16 that she supported in her community; and

17 WHEREAS, Danise Habun was preceded in death by her father;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Denise Habun is survived by her mother; her
20 sister, Janis (Al) Hancock; three nieces; four grandnephews
21 and one grandniece; her dog, Barkley; and many friends;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we mourn the passing of Danise Susanne Habun and extend our
4 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
5 and loved her; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Danise Habun as an expression of our
8 deepest sympathy.