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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 Bettie
4 Jean Jordan, who passed away on November 4, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan was born to James and Viola Jordan
6 in Chicago on February 27, 1944; she committed to her faith at
7 an early age at Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church; she attended
8 Chicago Public Schools and graduated from John Marshall High
9 School in 1961; she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees
10 in nursing; she met her partner, Ivan Williams, in 1985; and

11 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan started her nursing career at
12 Garfield Park Hospital, later named Bethany Hospital, located
13 on Chicago's West Side; she was a dedicated and diligent nurse
14 who took pride in taking care of her patients; she retired from
15 Rush Oak Park Hospital in Illinois after practicing nursing
16 for more than 30 years with a specialty in dialysis nursing;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan was also an entrepreneur and a
19 co-founder of Shir-Bet Beauty Spa, a business that became a
20 pillar of the Maywood community and beyond; she was a skilled
21 esthetician and nail technician, building an extensive
22 clientele list of individuals who turned into lifelong friends

1 and family; and

2 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan was a founding member of We Women,
3 a women's empowerment group focused on unity, charity, and
4 social events; she was also an active, dedicated, and proud
5 member of the John Marshall High School Alumni Association,
6 serving as its membership chairperson and taking pride in
7 providing community service, hosting events, and attending all
8 school events; and

9 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan was regarded as a social butterfly,
10 making friends wherever she went, and a fashionista who
11 enjoyed shopping and spending money on her family and herself;
12 she also enjoyed traveling and seeing the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan, affectionately known as "Auntie
14 Bettie", served as a mother figure to all of her nieces and
15 nephews, and she enjoyed taking them on adventures to
16 experience new things; she will be remembered for living her
17 life to the fullest, lighting up every room she entered, and
18 being a mover and shaker who knew how to take care of business
19 and get things done; and

20 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan was preceded in death by her
21 parents and her sisters, Doris, Delores, Jeraldine, and
22 Janice; and

1 WHEREAS, Bettie Jordan is survived by her sister, Shirley
2 Abel; her partner of 40 years, Ivan Williams; and a host of
3 nieces, nephews, family, and friends; therefore, be it

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

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to the family of Bettie Jordan as an expression of
11 our deepest sympathy.