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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened
3 to learn of the death of Beauty R. Kirk, who passed away on
4 August 29, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Beauty Kirk was born on February 6, 1953; she
6 received an Associate in Applied Science in Paralegal Studies
7 from Harper College in Palatine and a Bachelor of Science in
8 Business Administration with a Sales & Marketing concentration
9 from DeVry University in Chicago in December 2013; she then
10 attended Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago,
11 where she earned a Master's in Public Administration (MPA)
12 with a Non-Profit concentration in December 2015, a graduate
13 certificate in wireless communications in February 2017, a
14 Master's in Information Systems Management (MISM) in April
15 2018, and a graduate certificate in information security in
16 October 2018; she next studied through Northcentral University
17 of Phoenix, Arizona, where she obtained an Education
18 Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in February 2021 and a Certificate
19 of Advanced Graduate Study in Business Specialist (CAGSBUSD)
20 in May 2023; and

21 WHEREAS, Beauty Kirk played an integral part of the growth
22 and development of Employee Connections' programs and services
23 that were offered to the youth and young adults throughout

1 Lake County; she initially joined as a contractor/consultant
2 in 2015, providing GED and case management wraparound services
3 for the Community Youth Employment Program (CYEP) of the
4 Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) for six years;
5 she became a permanent member of the team in 2021, serving as
6 senior case manager and GED instructor; in her role as senior
7 case manager, she provided case management and wraparound
8 services to hundreds of youth and young adults; and

9 WHEREAS, Beauty Kirk also established Employee
10 Connections' GED Academy in 2022, working with the youth and
11 adults in providing online and in-person GED classes through
12 Essential Education; under her instruction, several
13 individuals achieved their GEDs and were able to pursue
14 post-secondary education and lead successful careers; she was
15 noted by colleagues for her unwavering commitment to helping
16 the youth and young adults in her community, whether it was in
17 assisting them to achieve their GED and higher education goals
18 or through providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling, or
19 other needed resources; and

20 WHEREAS, Beauty Kirk received an honorary doctorate for
21 outstanding work and labor throughout her community and the
22 nation from Ambassador and Apostle Dr. Venard Johnson in
23 Kansas City, Kansas on July 21, 2025; and

1 WHEREAS, Beauty Kirk, affectionately known by colleagues
2 as "Ms. Beauty", was a light of joy and inspiration; she will
3 be remembered for her humor, laughter, and big heart; and

4 WHEREAS, Beauty Kirk was the mother of Ramon Boatwright,
5 David Jones, A'lea Nelson, and Royalty Nelson; therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
9 Beauty R. Kirk and extend our sincere condolences to her
10 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of Beauty Kirk as an expression of our
14 deepest sympathy.