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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 Dora
4 Jean Nash-Foster of Chicago, who passed away on June 12, 2021;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster was born in Chicago to
7 Jewel and Dora Mae Woods-Nash on September 28, 1944; she
8 attended Sexton Elementary School and Jenner Elementary
9 School; she graduated from Wells High School at the age of 16
10 in 1961; she earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology and her
11 master's degree in Vocational Guidance and Counseling from
12 Roosevelt University in Chicago; she obtained several
13 certifications and earned many continuing education credits in
14 a variety of subjects as she maintained her state licenses;
15 she married Becelone Foster on December 19, 1964; and

16 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster worked in the public
17 service sector for the majority of her life; she held a number
18 of positions, including Audio/Visual specialist at Ogden
19 Elementary, Education Advisor and Community Liaison at Jesse
20 White's Community Service Center, salesperson at Sears, and
21 case manager with the Illinois Department of Public Aid; she
22 later became a teacher; she began as an 8th grade teacher and
23 then taught pre-school and pre-kindergarten at Mulligan

1 Elementary School and Manierre Elementary School before
2 working permanently at Byrd Academy; prior to retirement, she
3 worked as a counselor for students at Harold Washington
4 College; and

5 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster was a faithful member of
6 several organizations, including both the local and national
7 P.T.A. since 1968, AFSCME and the Chicago Teacher's Unions for
8 30 years, the 42nd Ward Democratic Organization for over 13
9 years, and the Rainbow P.U.S.H. Coalition led by Reverend
10 Jesse Jackson; she committed to her faith from a young age; she
11 was baptized at and a charter member of Gospel Temple
12 Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend
13 J.M. Royston, where she had served as an annual tea captain, a
14 Sunday School teacher, and a Mother's Board member; she also
15 attended service weekly until illness no longer allowed her to
16 be physically present; and

17 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster loved traveling, especially
18 with her traveling buddies Barbara Smith, Joyce Brisco, and
19 Deborah Alexander, and one of her fondest memories was
20 traveling to her granddaughter's college graduation in New
21 Orleans, Louisiana; she was also fluent in Spanish, and she
22 loved demonstrating her skills when she dined at Mexican
23 restaurants; and

1 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster was a loving, nurturing,
2 and supportive mother and grandmother; she was a model to her
3 family of the importance of being a lifelong learner; she
4 affectionately referred to her granddaughters as her "boogies"
5 and was adamant about spending time with them as they grew
6 older; she will always be remembered for her vibrant smile,
7 her warm heart, her African and animal print attire, and her
8 signature red lipstick; and

9 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster was preceded in death by
10 her grandparents; her parents; her brother, Glen Jewel
11 "Scooter" Nash; her granddaughter, Fiona Lanese Nash; her
12 aunts and uncles; her cousin, Patricia Bradley; and her best
13 friend and sister, Barbara Smith; and

14 WHEREAS, Dora Jean Nash-Foster is survived by her sons,
15 Craig Eugene Nash and Cary Allen Foster; her daughter-in-law,
16 Debra Nash; her granddaughters, Serena Spring Thomas (Andrew)
17 and Jessica Shante Nash; her great-grandson due in October
18 2021; her niece, Tandolyn Harris; her best friends and
19 sisters, Mary "Mae C" Booker and Joyce Brisco; her
20 godchildren, Andrew Brisco, Daneka Booker, and Nikki Booker;
21 and a host of cousins, family, friends, and colleagues;
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Dora Jean Nash-Foster and extend our
3 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
4 and loved her; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Dora Jean Nash-Foster as an
7 expression of our deepest sympathy.