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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 Monica  
4 Tenelle Beverly, who passed away on March 28, 2022; and

5           WHEREAS, Monica Beverly was born alongside her twin sister  
6 Marsha to Jimmie and Dorothy Gardner of Chicago on October 6,  
7 1978; she attended Marillac House Social Center from ages  
8 three to eight; she was also enrolled at Our Lady of Sorrow  
9 Catholic School before transferring in third grade to the Walt  
10 Disney Magnet School, from which she graduated eighth grade in  
11 1992; she attended Steinmetz High School in 1996, where she  
12 served as assistant to the cheerleading coach before later  
13 joining the squad; she earned her bachelor's degree in  
14 Psychology with a minor in Drama from Roosevelt University in  
15 2003; she received her master's degree in Psychology from  
16 National Louis University pending thesis; she married Eric  
17 Beverly on June 17, 2017, and they had one son, Elijah Beverly,  
18 who preceded her in death; and

19           WHEREAS, Monica Beverly worked part time at the Clerk of  
20 the Circuit Court for Cook County while attending Roosevelt  
21 University in 2000; she worked for the Cook County Sheriff's  
22 Department thereafter in 2001 and for the past 20 years; she  
23 also became an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay

1       Cosmetics in 2005 and was promoted to sales director in 2006;  
2       she learned to bake as a form of therapy after losing her son  
3       in 2019, eventually opening her own home baked goods business  
4       named Luv e Sweets in honor of Elijah in 2020; she made treats  
5       and desserts for various celebratory needs and had developed a  
6       loyal following of patrons; and

7               WHEREAS, Monica Beverly committed to her faith at an early  
8       age, attending Jordan Temple Baptist Church when she was three  
9       years old in 1981; she asked to be baptized and joined the  
10       Sunshine Choir in 1984; she joined the Young Adult Choir in  
11       1991, where she became one of the choir directors; she  
12       attended the Church Cotillion at the age of 17 in 1995, where  
13       she was a debutante alongside her sister Marsha; she joined  
14       the Jordan Temple Combined Adult Choir at the age of 18 in  
15       1996; she went on to join the Jordan Temple Praise and Worship  
16       Ministry; she joined the Breath of Life Dance Ministry  
17       (B.O.L.D.) in 1998, which she later led for 23 years; she  
18       developed Jordan Temple's Mimes of God (M.O.G.) ministry in  
19       2006; she led the Passion 4 Praise (P.4.P.) ministry in 2013;  
20       and

21               WHEREAS, Monica Beverly joined Near Future Youth Ministry  
22       Chorale as one of its original members in 1995, where she was a  
23       faithful member since its inception and attended reunion  
24       celebrations; she was also a founding members of D.N.A.

1 Ministries International, Inc. in 2012, where she served for  
2 11 years and traveled both domestically and internationally;  
3 she also auditioned and became one of the many members of The  
4 Unquenchable Worshipers in February 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Due to her passion for the arts and dance, Monica  
6 Beverly joined the Eagle International Training Institute  
7 (EITI) in 2013, where she participated and graduated from  
8 T.E.N. Modules Years 1 and 2; she later joined the T.E.N.  
9 Illinois Northwest Site as a teacher, where she became  
10 co-leader in 2016; her dance credentials also included  
11 accomplishments with the Eagle International Training  
12 Institute; she graduated from the EITI School of Drama in 2015  
13 and served as the school's administrator for EITI MIME; she  
14 also graduated from the EITI Choregeo Dance Leadership Network  
15 the next year; and

16 WHEREAS, Monica Beverly was one of the founding board  
17 members of Erik Kirk & True Worship in 2018, where her voice  
18 could be heard with great range in the soprano section; her  
19 organization went on to be nominated at the Rhythm of Gospel  
20 Awards in several categories; and

21 WHEREAS, Monica Beverly became the leader of The Altar  
22 Church of Worship Dance Ministry in 2018; alongside fellow  
23 Eagle Minister and friend Irene Abrons, she also started the

1 teaching and training session for The Altar School of Worship  
2 in September 2021; she was working on producing Deeply Rooted  
3 at the time of her passing, which will be dedicated to her by  
4 the dance ministry at The Altar Church of Worship as a tribute  
5 to her legacy and to honor her for all she sacrificed and  
6 poured into the production; and

7 WHEREAS, Monica Beverly was a singer, soloist, choir  
8 director, praise team leader, praise dancer, and a phenomenal  
9 woman of faith who was affectionately known as "Moni", "Mo",  
10 "Mo-Mo", and "Lil Bit"; she possessed a super-soprano voice  
11 that did not match her stature, exceeding vocal expectations  
12 with confidence and energy; she was noted as being one of the  
13 best producers, choreographers, and Integral Dance Ministry  
14 leaders in the City of Chicago; she will be remembered for her  
15 determination, dedication, and love; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we mourn the passing of Monica Tenelle Beverly and extend our  
19 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
20 and loved her; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Monica Beverly as an expression of  
23 our deepest sympathy.