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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Deidre Nicole Silas of Springfield, who passed away on January 4, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, Deidre Silas was born to Roy and Barie Graham in Kingston, Jamaica on July 30, 1985; she moved to the United States in December 1995; during high school, she made the National Honor Roll for many years; she also served as a Scope mentor and participated in the Boys and Girls Club, the Fashionetta cotillion, and the UBC Youth Ministry; she was the president of the Caribbean Student Association in 2007; she received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 2008; she married Andre Silas in 2017; she earned her Master of Public Administration in 2019, her certification in Project Management in 2020, and certification in Human Resource Management in 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Deidre Silas committed to her faith at an early age; her church home was Union Baptist Church; she enjoyed reading, playing with her kids, playing mom to her younger cousins, cooking, and spending time with her family and friends; and

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WHEREAS, Deidre Silas was affectionately known as "Nadia"

1 and was the heartbeat of her household; and

2 WHEREAS, Deidre Silas was preceded in death by her  
3 grandparents, Gersham and Gertrude; her aunt, Carole, and her  
4 grandmother, Beryl; and

5 WHEREAS, Deidre Silas is survived by her husband, Andre  
6 Silas; her children, Ashton Silas and Amelia Silas; her  
7 parents; her brother, Mario Graham; her honorary sister and  
8 cousin, Monique Coombs; her grandfather, Clifford; her aunts,  
9 Monica, Avis, Andrea, Annmarie, Shawnie, Movia, Sylvia,  
10 Sharon, Kerryann, and Carol; her uncles, Carl, Lenny, Winston,  
11 Errol, Donovan, Wayne, Junior, and Shawn; and her many  
12 cousins; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
15 Deidre Nicole Silas and extend our sincere condolences to her  
16 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19 presented to the family of Deidre Silas as an expression of our  
20 deepest sympathy.