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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 Joyce  
4 Ann Chapman of Chicago, who passed away on September 27, 2023;  
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6           WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman, born in Tokyo, Japan on February  
7 19, 1956, was a dedicated organizer and civic leader of the  
8 City of Chicago; her professional experience of working with  
9 wards of the State and juvenile parolees of the Illinois  
10 Department of Corrections (IDOC) enhanced her abilities to  
11 assist the underserved populations in her community and around  
12 the greater Chicagoland area; with over 20 years of community  
13 engagement and social service experience, she worked  
14 tirelessly to ensure that all children and families received  
15 quality education, productive public safety, and adequate  
16 housing; and

17           WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman served as facilitator of CAPS Beat  
18 512 for the Chicago Police Department's 5th District from 1999  
19 to 2009; she subsequently became president of the District  
20 Advisory Council for the 5th District; she relentlessly worked  
21 with residents and was instrumental in helping deter crime in  
22 various Chicagoland communities; as of 2016, she was appointed  
23 to serve on the Chicago Police Community Policing Advisory

1 Panel (CPAP); and

2 WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman lived in the historic Pullman  
3 community of Chicago for over 50 years, and her profound  
4 connection to her community and desire to revitalize it led  
5 her to establish the Pullman Community Development Corporation  
6 in May 2002, where she served as president; she also served as  
7 vice president on the Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)  
8 Advisory Board for six years and as president of the Gately  
9 Park Advisory Council (GPAC) for the past 10 years; under her  
10 leadership, GPAC developed and implemented several community  
11 events, including grill-offs, holiday food and Secret Santa  
12 giveaways, and annual community field trips to Brookfield Zoo;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman passionately represented the Far  
15 South Side of Chicago, serving as a member of the Far South  
16 Community Action Council (FSCAC) of Chicago Public Schools  
17 (CPS) since its inception in 2011, where she held the position  
18 of chairwoman until June 14, 2022; she further served the area  
19 as the organizer and developer of a Quality-of-Life Plan  
20 through Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Chicago  
21 in January 2019, and she began serving as president of the Far  
22 South Chicago Coalition in 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman additionally founded Woman

1 Empowered Civic Engagement (WECE), an organization dedicated  
2 to promoting and advocating for women's participation in city,  
3 county, state, and federal legislation, in May 2016, and she  
4 served as the vice president for the National Community Based  
5 Organization Network (NCBON), which focuses on involving,  
6 engaging, and empowering community organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, More recently, Joyce Chapman was appointed to the  
8 Chicago Board of Education by then-Mayor Lori Lightfoot due to  
9 her commitment and dedication to improving life outcomes and  
10 opportunities for Chicago's youth and communities; she began  
11 serving on June 1, 2022; during her brief tenure, she ensured  
12 that the voices of students and their families were heard and  
13 incorporated into policymaking; and

14 WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman was a visionary leader, a lifelong  
15 learner, and an unwavering advocate for children and families  
16 and will be remembered for her courage, candor, and passion;  
17 she was a pillar of her community, and her impact on the city  
18 she loved so dearly will continue reverberating for  
19 generations; and

20 WHEREAS, Joyce Chapman is survived by her daughters,  
21 Ashanti, Umi, and Amina, and a host of grandchildren;  
22 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
2 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we mourn the passing of Joyce Ann Chapman and extend our  
4 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
5 and loved her; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to the family of Joyce Chapman as an expression of  
8 our deepest sympathy.