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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 Jann
4 Alberta Mae Beauchamp, who passed away on October 18, 2024;
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6 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was born to Albert Alexander and
7 Cornelia Mae Cox in Chicago on December 7, 1931; she graduated
8 from Grant Elementary School in Chicago and her family moved
9 to Maywood in 1945; she graduated from Proviso Township High
10 School in 1949 and attended the University of Illinois at Navy
11 Pier; she married James A. Beauchamp on October 16, 1954; and

12 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was devoted to her faith; she
13 joined Canaan AME Church in Maywood and was baptized in
14 December 1946; her family joined St. John Evangelical Lutheran
15 Church in Forest Park in 1969, where she was a member for 55
16 years and served in various roles; and

17 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp returned to college as a wife and
18 mother; she received her associate degree from Triton College
19 and her Bachelor of Arts from Rosary College, known today as
20 Dominican University; after earning her Master of Business
21 Administration from Rosary College, she used her training and
22 skill set to give back to the community; she worked at

1 Dominican University in River Forest as an administrative
2 assistant to its presidents, Sister Candida Lund and Sister
3 Jean Murray, from June 1972 to August 1983; she then served as
4 an adjunct faculty member at Triton College from 1985 until
5 2002; at the Triton Resource Center, she helped train students
6 as registered nurses and court reporters and in other
7 disciplines; and

8 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was elected to the Proviso Family
9 Service and Mental Health Board in Melrose Park, where she
10 served from 1977 to 1998; she was appointed as an alternate
11 board member by St. John Lutheran Church, and she served on the
12 board of directors of Walther Lutheran High School in Melrose
13 Park from 1977 to 1981; she won her first general election as a
14 school board member of Proviso Township High School District
15 209 in 1991; that same year, she was elected as a trustee for
16 the Village of Bellwood, where she served from 1995 to 2003;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was a forerunner and a
19 trailblazer; she was charter member of the National Museum of
20 African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. in
21 2012; and

22 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was the recipient of numerous
23 accolades, acknowledgments, and awards, including receiving

1 the Marquis Who's Who in America Award as an educator and
2 information scientist twice in her 90s; she was also
3 recognized and honored in many local and national newspapers,
4 journals, and books; and

5 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was an avid golfer and reader, and
6 she was a patron of the fine arts and performing arts; she
7 retained her drive for knowledge in her later years through
8 taking community classes, attending performances, and
9 researching her family genealogy; and

10 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp was preceded in death by her
11 husband of 44 years, James; her parents; and her siblings,
12 Melville Carr, Laura Jackson, Charlotte Wheeler, Alice McNeal,
13 Elaine Sampson, and Albert Cox Jr.; and

14 WHEREAS, Jann Beauchamp is survived by her children, David
15 Beauchamp, Carol Beauchamp Randolph, and Elaine
16 Beauchamp-Prosper; her grandchildren, Calvin Randolph Jr.,
17 Cristen (Dirk) Blanchard, Alan Beauchamp, Mallory Beauchamp,
18 Corey Harris, Amador (Juliet) Porras, Courtney Harris,
19 Isabella Porras, and Zoe Porras; and her great-grandchildren,
20 Dexter Harris, Zepplin Porras, and Demi Harris; therefore, be
21 it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we mourn the passing of Jann Alberta Mae Beauchamp and extend
3 our sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who
4 knew and loved her; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Jann Beauchamp as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.