House Resolution 562

By: Representatives Burnough of the 77th, Jackson of the 165th, Scott of the 76th, and Schofield of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 23, 2023, as Widow's and Widower's Day at the Capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Life After the Rain (LATR) is an organization of widows and widowers
4 committed to helping one another regain their quality of life and recover from the heartbreak
5 and tragedy of losing their spouses; and

6 WHEREAS, LATR began on May 21, 2016, at an inaugural breakfast sponsored by TGI
7 Friday's wherein attendees were asked to bring a picture of their spouse and share precious
8 memories; and

9 WHEREAS, this gathering continued annually for four consecutive years until the
10 COVID-19 pandemic, leading the organization to plan a Christmas Drive By and a 3K Walk
11 in Honor of International Widows Day; and

12 WHEREAS, the walk was held at the Clayton County International Park in partnership with
13 the Clayton County Commission and Commissioner DeMont Davis, giving its over 50
14 attendees the opportunity to seek community support and love; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2019, 17 individuals from this group in partnership with Shenita

16 Scott-Connally participated in a book collaboration called *Abiding Love*, where each widow

17 and widower were given an opportunity to share a snippet of their story in a dedicated

18 chapter; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this outstanding organization be properly

20 honored for its many wonderful years of service.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

22 the members of this body recognize March 23, 2023, as Widow's and Widower's Day at the

23 Capitol in honor of the remarkable work done by Life After the Rain and extend sincere best

24 wishes for the organization's continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Life

27 After the Rain.