

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of  
3 the State of Illinois are pleased to honor Kathryn "Kitty"  
4 Cole for her many contributions to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has to her credit 10 years of service  
6 with Lakefront Supportive Housing and 20 years of service to  
7 the cause of affordable housing and community development;  
8 for the past 10 years, she has diligently committed herself  
9 to Lakefront's mission to end homelessness and the impact of  
10 her efforts will long be a part of Lakefront's legacy; under  
11 her leadership, Lakefront has successfully sited 10  
12 supportive housing projects; and

13 WHEREAS, During her tenure at Lakefront Supportive  
14 Housing, Ms. Cole created the Community and Government  
15 Affairs Division; she launched a Tenant Leadership  
16 (Organizing) Project, and with her team, the work of this  
17 project has registered 82% of Lakefront tenants to vote and  
18 has developed the talents of many tenants who have become  
19 active advocates and leaders in their communities; she  
20 created the Technical Assistance and Consulting program that  
21 assisted more than 33 organizations in the development of  
22 hundreds of units of affordable, supportive housing in  
23 Illinois; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Cole is the co-founder of the Illinois  
25 Supportive Housing Providers' Association, a statewide  
26 network of supportive housing providers; she was a key leader  
27 in the effort to create an annualized budget for supportive  
28 services for supportive housing in the Department of Human  
29 Services, totaling \$3.5 million each year; and

30 WHEREAS, Ms. Cole has been the recipient of many awards  
31 during her career; she most recently received a Lifetime  
32 Achievement in Advocacy award from the National Alliance to

1 End Homelessness and the Corporation for Supportive Housing;  
2 she also received LaSalle Bank's Tom Gobby Award; she has  
3 served on many boards, which include the Chicago Rehab  
4 Network, the Partnership to End Homelessness, and Scrap  
5 Mettle Soul; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
8 we honor Kathryn "Kitty" Cole for her many contributions to  
9 the community; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to Ms. Cole as an expression of our respect and  
12 esteem and with many thanks for her innumerable contributions  
13 to the community.