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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Donna Zarcone on her
4 retirement as president and CEO of the Economic Club of
5 Chicago; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Westchester, Donna Zarcone earned a Master
7 of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth
8 School of Business following a bachelor's degree in accounting
9 from Illinois State University; she worked for a public
10 accounting firm and became president of Harley-Davidson
11 Financial Services before launching her own firm, D.F. Zarcone
12 & Associates LLC; Donna joined the Economic Club of Chicago in
13 1999; she became president in 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Economic Club of Chicago is to
15 foster meaningful connections among Chicago leaders to
16 encourage dialogue on important economic and social issues and
17 to cultivate the next generation of leadership; and

18 WHEREAS, Donna Zarcone is credited with diversifying the
19 Club's membership, improving programming, and spurring revenue
20 during her eight years as president and CEO; under her
21 leadership, the share of female members grew from 22 percent to
22 30 percent and non-white membership grew from 10 percent to 17

1 percent; the Club's 47-member board is now one-third female and
2 one-third racially diverse; and

3 WHEREAS, Donna Zarccone currently serves on the corporate
4 boards of the Cigna Corporation, CDW, and The Duchossois Group;
5 she previously served on the board of The Jones Group and of
6 Wrightwood Capital; she also serves on the board of the Polsky
7 Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago Booth
8 School of Business; she is a member of the Commercial Club of
9 Chicago, the Committee of 200, the Chicago Network, and the
10 Young Presidents' Organization; and

11 WHEREAS, Donna Zarccone is known as a great motivator with a
12 calm demeanor and a knack for pulling events together on short
13 notice; with four weeks warning and amid heavy security for the
14 2012 NATO conference in Chicago, she and her staff booked a
15 venue and hosted 350 attendees for an appearance by Gen. Martin
16 Dempsey, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
20 we congratulate Donna Zarccone for her retirement as president
21 and CEO of the Economic Club of Chicago and on her many
22 accomplishments; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Donna Zarcone as an expression of our esteem and
3 respect.