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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to honor the tenure of our esteemed  
4 colleague, Representative and Assistant Majority Leader Delia  
5 Ramirez, and thank her for her dedicated service to our State  
6 and to the people of Chicago; and

7           WHEREAS, Born in the Belmont Cragin community in Chicago,  
8 Leader Ramirez is the daughter of working-class Guatemalan  
9 immigrants; her mother crossed the border while pregnant to  
10 give her children new opportunities in the United States, and  
11 her family moved soon after to Humboldt Park; her parents  
12 worked multiple jobs to make ends meet and care for their  
13 children; and

14           WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez's experiences in her younger years  
15 propelled her to a life of serving others; she earned her  
16 Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies from Northeastern Illinois  
17 University; she has spent most of her professional life  
18 serving as a community organizer and social services director;  
19 she was the founding executive director of the Center for  
20 Changing Lives; she also worked in the nonprofit space for  
21 Common Cause and Community Renewal Society and was the board  
22 chair for the Latin United Community Housing Association  
23 (LUCHA) and the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA);

1 throughout her career, she has been dedicated to fighting for  
2 affordable housing, high-quality education, and expanding  
3 access to social services; and

4 WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez ran for state representative of  
5 the 4th House District in 2018, becoming the first Guatemalan  
6 American elected to the Illinois General Assembly; and

7 WHEREAS, During her time as a state representative, Leader  
8 Ramirez's strong commitment to lifting working families and  
9 immigrant communities was clear as she developed a robust and  
10 progressive agenda to help the people of Chicago and the State  
11 of Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez has been a strong voice for  
13 high-quality public education, and she was a chief cosponsor  
14 for the law to create an elected school board in Chicago,  
15 therefore ensuring that Chicago families have a strong voice  
16 about the decisions made in their public schools; and

17 WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez pushed to expand Medicaid coverage  
18 to older Illinoisans regardless of their immigration status,  
19 therefore reaffirming her commitment to lifting immigrant  
20 communities and ensuring that health care is equitable and  
21 affordable for all; and

1           WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez has been committed to ensuring  
2 that housing is accessible and affordable for all and was  
3 integral in passing the emergency housing law to keep people  
4 housed during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

5           WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez worked tirelessly in her district  
6 office to ensure her community had access to state and  
7 community information and resources by hosting numerous job  
8 fairs, food pantry collection drives, and healthcare  
9 enrollment workshops; and

10           WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez ran for U.S. Congress in the  
11 Illinois 3rd District in 2022, making history as the first  
12 Illinois and Midwestern Latina elected to Congress; and

13           WHEREAS, Leader Ramirez has broken barriers for both women  
14 and the Latino community during her time in public service;  
15 all who had the honor to serve alongside her know that she will  
16 continue to use her passion and unwavering commitment to fight  
17 for the people of Illinois at the federal level; therefore, be  
18 it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Representative and Assistant Majority Leader  
22 Delia Ramirez on her retirement as a state representative,

1 thank her for her years of dedicated service, and wish her  
2 continued success in the future; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to Leader Ramirez as an expression of our respect  
5 and esteem.