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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Alderperson Susan Sadlowski
4 Garza on her service to the 10th Ward as a member of the
5 Chicago City Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Ald. Sadlowski Garza is a lifelong Chicagoan and
7 10th Ward resident; she is the daughter of famed steelworker
8 and labor leader Edward Sadlowski; she earned her Bachelor of
9 Arts from Governors State University and her master's degree
10 in Counseling from Concordia University; and

11 WHEREAS, Ald. Sadlowski Garza has dedicated her entire
12 life to the youth and families of the 10th Ward, starting out
13 as a lunch lady at South Shore High School and later becoming a
14 counselor at Jane Addams Elementary School; she is also a
15 former area vice president of the Chicago Teachers Union; and

16 WHEREAS, Ald. Susan Sadlowski Garza was first elected in
17 2015, defeating longtime 10th Ward Ald. John Pope by just 20
18 votes and becoming the first active member of the Chicago
19 Teachers Union to be elected to the Chicago City Council and
20 the first woman to represent the 10th Ward; she won her second
21 term in 2019, earning nearly 69% of the vote; and

1 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Ald. Sadlowski Garza has
2 worked to protect public interest, increase equality for women
3 and the LGBTQ+ community, and foster business relationships;
4 her accomplishments include aiding in raising the minimum wage
5 in Chicago to \$15 an hour a full two years before the State of
6 Illinois did, pushing through the Fair Workweek Ordinance that
7 requires most large employers to give their workers a two-week
8 notice of their schedules in an effort to reduce the stress
9 caused by unpredictable shift work, and recovering over \$1
10 million for food service workers due to wage theft claims
11 against Mondelez and Burger King, among others; and

12 WHEREAS, Ald. Sadlowski Garza has managed to secure major
13 school capital investments, including \$3.8 million for Jane
14 Addams Elementary School, \$15 million for Washington High
15 School, and \$2.8 million for Gallistel Elementary School; she
16 has additionally been a part of putting \$11.2 million towards
17 improvements and infrastructure, which funded such projects as
18 track resurfacing at Rowan Park, tree installation from 104th
19 to 109th on Torrence Avenue, arts programs and fairs, and the
20 installation of new sidewalks and streetlights; and

21 WHEREAS, Ald. Sadlowski Garza has served as chair of the
22 Chicago City Council's Progressive Reform Caucus, chair of the
23 Committee on Workforce Development, and a member of the
24 Committee on Budget and Government Operations, the Committee

1 on Committees and Rules, the Committee on Education and Child
2 Development, the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight,
3 the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Health and Human
4 Relations, the Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs
5 and Recreation, the Committee on Workforce Development, and
6 several joint committees; and

7 WHEREAS, Ald. Sadlowski Garza is married to Raul Garza and
8 is the proud mother of four children and the grandmother of
9 two; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
11 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we commend Alderperson Susan Sadlowski Garza for her work on
13 the Chicago City Council, and we thank her for her years of
14 dedicated service to the 10th Ward of Chicago and the City of
15 Chicago; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Ald. Sadlowski Garza as a symbol of our esteem and
18 respect.