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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives wish to recognize former Alderperson Michele Smith of the 43rd Ward on the occasion of her retirement from the Chicago City Council on August 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1976, Michele Smith moved to Chicago to begin law school at the University of Chicago Law School; and

WHEREAS, Upon her graduation from the University of Chicago Law School in 1979, Michele Smith clerked for Judge William J. Bauer of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit for two years; and

WHEREAS, Michele Smith began her legal career in Chicago in the U.S. Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted over 400 narcotics, white-collar criminal, and political corruption cases; and

WHEREAS, Michele Smith spent the next 16 years at Navistar International Corporation, where she became general counsel for a \$2.5 billion subsidiary, the Engine Group; and

WHEREAS, Michele Smith was initially elected as

1 alderperson of the 43rd Ward in 2011; she was reelected by her  
2 constituents for additional terms in 2015 and 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Michele Smith placed a premium  
4 on grassroots community engagement and providing direct  
5 services to her constituents; and

6 WHEREAS, Michele Smith advocated for and succeeded in  
7 obtaining infrastructure improvements and increased public  
8 safety resources for her community and constituents; she also  
9 worked to secure funds to expand and improve the schools and  
10 parks in the 43rd Ward; and

11 WHEREAS, Michele Smith chaired the City Council's  
12 Committee on Ethics and Governmental Operations, where she  
13 worked to make Chicago more equitable and transparent,  
14 including spearheading a series of governmental ethics reform  
15 ordinances; and

16 WHEREAS, Michele Smith has lived in the 43rd Ward for over  
17 40 years, raising her daughter and remaining active in the  
18 community; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we recognize former Alderperson Michele Smith on her

1 retirement, thank her for her exemplary service to the  
2 residents of the 43rd Ward and the City of Chicago, and wish  
3 for her continued health, happiness, prosperity, and success;  
4 and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Michele Smith as an expression of our esteem and  
7 respect.