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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

6 WHEREAS, Ald. King grew up in Evanston, with her family
7 hailing from the Mississippi Delta; she attended schools in
8 Evanston and in Jackson, Mississippi; she earned her
9 bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Illinois
10 and her master's degree in Education and Social Policy from
11 Northwestern University; she has been a resident of the 4th
12 Ward for over 35 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Professionally, Ald. King has been instrumental
14 in opening doors of educational opportunity within her
15 immediate and the greater Chicago community; she worked as an
16 educator and administrator at the Latin School of Chicago,
17 where she diversified classes; she helped found the Ariel
18 Community Academy, a public school established to provide
19 North Kenwood-Oakland residents with a high quality education;
20 she served as deputy director of Sports Administration and
21 Facilities Management at Chicago Public Schools from 2001 to
22 2003, during which she managed a staff of 30 and a budget of
23 \$12 million; and

1 WHEREAS, Ald. King has served the 4th Ward on the Chicago
2 City Council since 2016, representing parts of Downtown, the
3 South Loop, Bronzeville, Kenwood, and Hyde Park, and was
4 reelected in 2019; during her tenure, she has led the 4th Ward
5 with transparency and a focus on service, serving as a voice
6 for those who have historically lacked a champion in City Hall
7 and as an advocate for parity; and

8 WHEREAS, Ald. King has successfully implemented a number
9 of positive changes in the 4th Ward and the City of Chicago,
10 such as leading the fight for a \$15 minimum wage in Chicago
11 through her Raise Chicago Ordinance, the passage of which gave
12 400,000 Chicagoans a raise and lifted 100,000 Chicagoans out
13 of poverty; she has worked on the front lines on crime and
14 public safety issues, fighting to reform the Chicago Police
15 Department (CPD) through the creation of the Civilian Office
16 of Police Accountability and ensuring the CPD has the
17 resources and personnel to better stop the violence; she has
18 encouraged firms that do business in her ward to go above and
19 beyond the city's goals on minority hiring, with minority
20 participation often exceeding 40%; she has also successfully
21 secured millions in funding for education and infrastructure
22 projects; and

23 WHEREAS, Ald. King has offered a number of constituent

1 services to 4th Ward residents, including listening and
2 responding to community needs, improving efficiency in
3 communication and access, sponsoring quarterly senior socials
4 and an annual senior ball, and hosting Alderman On the Block
5 events across the ward; and

6 WHEREAS, Ald. King has served as chair of the Chicago City
7 Council's Progressive Reform Caucus and as vice chair of the
8 Committee on Education and Child Development and several joint
9 committees; she has also served as a member of the Committee on
10 Budget and Government Operations, the Committee on Committees
11 and Rules, the Committee on Contracting Oversight and Equity,
12 the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Housing and Real
13 Estate, the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, the
14 Committee on Special Events, Cultural Affairs and Recreation,
15 the Committee on Transportation and Public Way, and several
16 joint committees; and

17 WHEREAS, Ald. King has further assisted her community
18 through involvement in several organizations, including
19 serving as president of the Kenwood Park Advisory Council,
20 serving as vice president of Planned Parenthood Chicago,
21 creating a community response to gun violence with The It's
22 Time Organization (TITO), and founding the not-for-profit
23 Harriet's Daughters, which operates to educate and empower
24 African American women and businesses while working with

1 elected officials and individuals in leadership positions to
2 spotlight hiring disparities and to enable better access to
3 jobs and procurement opportunities; and

4 WHEREAS, Ald. King and her husband, Alan King, are the
5 parents of two adult daughters; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we commend Alderperson Sophia King for her work on the Chicago
9 City Council, and we thank her for her years of dedicated
10 service to the people of the 4th Ward and the City of Chicago;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Ald. King as an expression of our esteem and
14 respect.