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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to recognize Rosa Arreola for her 13  
4 years of work as voter registration coordinator for the  
5 Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR);  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, Voting and civic engagement are essential  
8 components of our democracy; and

9           WHEREAS, Rosa Arreola's work was an crucial part of  
10 ICIRR's Democracy Project, an integrated non-partisan voter  
11 registration and mobilization campaign that has become a  
12 national model for immigrant empowerment through civic  
13 engagement over the past 20 years; and

14           WHEREAS, Every two years, during each biennial general  
15 election cycle, the Democracy Project hires and trains 20  
16 fellows that run voter registration and turnout efforts in  
17 immigrant communities, partnering with organizations based in  
18 these communities to educate, inform, and mobilize naturalized  
19 citizens; and

20           WHEREAS, During and in between each election cycle, Rosa  
21 Arreola led teams of volunteers to nearly every single

1 naturalization ceremony over the course of 13 years to  
2 register all new citizens who wanted to do so; and

3 WHEREAS, Rosa Arreola was the face and voice that greeted  
4 over 150,000 new citizens as they walked out of their  
5 swearing-in ceremony and enabled them, as one of their first  
6 acts as new citizens, to register to vote; and

7 WHEREAS, Rosa Arreola's teams of interns and volunteers  
8 have accounted for nearly half of the 356,000 new citizens  
9 registered by the ICIRR's Democracy Project since 2009,  
10 ensuring that each new citizen would have a voice in the  
11 governance of their communities, state, and new home country;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
14 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we recognize Rosa Arreola for her 13 years of work as voter  
16 registration coordinator for the Illinois Coalition for  
17 Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), and we thank her for her  
18 dedication and leadership in making voter registration  
19 accessible to newly naturalized citizens; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Rosa Arreola as an expression of our esteem and  
22 respect.