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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the late Leticia "Letty"
4 Lozano for the impact her advocacy made on the vocation of
5 Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) in the
6 State of Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, Leticia Lozano was an employee of Chicago Public
8 Schools (CPS), working at Thomas Kelly College Preparatory
9 High School for the majority of her career before joining the
10 staff of Charles A. Prosser Career Academy as the attendance
11 clerk; during her tenure, she was noted by colleagues for her
12 dedication and devotion to the students, families, staff, and
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, Leticia Lozano wished to become a substitute
15 teacher at Prosser Career Academy in retirement; however, as
16 an attendance clerk, she was prohibited from doing so by State
17 law that governs the Municipal Employees' Annuity and Benefit
18 Fund of Chicago, from which CPS paraprofessionals draw their
19 pensions; and

20 WHEREAS, Through the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), Leticia
21 Lozano championed changing the law, and the union, in turn,
22 worked with members of the General Assembly; and

1 WHEREAS, The change Leticia Lozano sought was eventually
2 introduced as Illinois Senate Bill 1646 in the 103rd General
3 Assembly in 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, SB 1646 allowed PSRPs, such as Leticia Lozano, to
5 become substitute teachers after retirement without penalty to
6 their pension, and the bill was signed into law under Public
7 Act 103-0552, effective August 11, 2023; and

8 WHEREAS, Unfortunately, Leticia Lozano never got the
9 chance to retire or to benefit from the law change and pursue
10 substitute teaching, passing away due to complications from
11 COVID-19 in December 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, Leticia Lozano was a wife and the mother of
13 Josie, Carlos, Elvia, Luis, Alex, Gizelle, and Andrew; and

14 WHEREAS, While she never benefited from the rights
15 bestowed by the passage of SB 1646, Leticia Lozano's advocacy
16 continues to be remembered today, serving as a reminder of the
17 positive impact one person's efforts can have on society as a
18 whole; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we recognize the late Leticia "Letty" Lozano on the impact her
2 advocacy made on the vocation of Paraprofessionals and
3 School-Related Personnel (PSRPs) in the State of Illinois and
4 her dedication to Chicago Public Schools (CPS); and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Leticia Lozano as an expression of
8 our esteem and respect.