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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Helen Miller, President of  
4 Service Employees International Union Local 880, for her hard  
5 work and dedication; and

6           WHEREAS, Helen Miller has been a member of the Service  
7 Employees International Union Local 880 for 22 years and has  
8 held the office of President for eight years; from her own work  
9 as a personal assistant providing in-home care to people with  
10 disabilities, she became the leader of the largest union local  
11 in Illinois; and

12           WHEREAS, She was elected to the SEIU Illinois Council in  
13 1999 and elected Sergeant-at-Arms in 2003; she was a founding  
14 member of the personal assistant organizing committee, which in  
15 2003 negotiated a historic first contract with the State of  
16 Illinois that brought a 35% wage increase and a strong voice to  
17 23,000 workers; and

18           WHEREAS, Helen Miller was recognized as a 2004 recipient of  
19 the Ms. Foundation's Gloria Award and a 2005 recipient of the  
20 Women's E-News award for her leadership in ensuring that home  
21 care workers are "invisible no more"; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2005, she led the first campaign in the nation  
2 to unite more than 40,000 home child care providers in our  
3 State for quality care and quality jobs and winning a 35% rate  
4 increase and a commitment to fund health care for home child  
5 care providers; and

6           WHEREAS, She is a recognized community leader in the fight  
7 for living wage jobs and a better quality of life for all  
8 working families; she was the first home care worker to be  
9 elected to the SEIU International Executive Board in 2004 and  
10 has traveled across the country to help thousands more workers  
11 beyond her home state unite in the Union; and

12           WHEREAS, Helen Miller has committed her life and her work  
13 to the fight for social and economic justice on the job and in  
14 the community; under her leadership, SEIU Local 880 has grown  
15 to more than 65,000 members across the State of Illinois;  
16 therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
19 congratulate Helen Miller on a job well done; through her hard  
20 work Service Employees International Union Local 880 continues  
21 to support the people who work to provide assistance for  
22 others; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Helen Miller as a symbol of our respect.