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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Angela
4 Perez Miller of Chicago, who passed away on May 26, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Angela Perez Miller's family came to Chicago in
6 the 1920s from Mexico; her parents were the late Jesse and
7 Emilia Perez; and

8 WHEREAS, Angela Perez Miller attended the University of
9 Illinois at Chicago, where she acquired two master's degrees
10 and a Ph.D in public policy analysis; she was a former Chicago
11 public school elementary school teacher and administrator; her
12 last job with the district was director of staff training and
13 development in the Department of Special Education; as an
14 educator, she focused much of her professional life pushing for
15 bilingual education and helping Hispanic children,
16 specifically those with special education needs; after her
17 departure from the Chicago public schools she taught bilingual
18 education and educational policy at DePaul University and the
19 University of Illinois at Chicago; and

20 WHEREAS, Angela Perez Miller was a past board president of
21 the Latino Institute, a civil rights think tank that addressed
22 Latino concerns in Chicago; at one time, it was noted as one of

1 the largest and most influential Hispanic think tanks in
2 Chicago; she was a member of Senator Miguel Del Valle's
3 education committee and a founding member of the Alivio Medical
4 Center, which opened in 1989 to provide access to primary
5 health care services to predominately Latino communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Angela Perez Miller was an avid traveler and opera
7 lover; she frequently traveled to Mexico and other places with
8 her girlfriends, a group of Latina women who called themselves
9 "Las Viejas", a term used to refer to respected female elders;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Angela Perez Miller will be remembered by all who
12 knew her as a passionate, compassionate, and fearless woman who
13 focused herself fully on the success of Latino schoolchildren
14 in the city of Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, Angela Perez Miller was the loving mother of Dion
16 Miller (Susan Mullen) Perez; the proud grandmother of Donovan,
17 Manuel, and Antonio; and the dear cousin of the late Manuel
18 Perez Jr.; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 mourn, along with her family and friends, the passing of Angela
22 Perez Miller; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Angela Perez Miller as an expression
3 of our sympathy.