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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague,  
4 State Representative Elga Jefferies, on her service to the  
5 people of the State of Illinois; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Jefferies is a lifelong resident  
7 of Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood and has proudly served  
8 her 26th Representative District constituents since 2006; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2002, Representative Jefferies was recognized  
10 for her knowledge of State government and commitment to her  
11 community by being appointed to fill the remainder of State  
12 Senator Margaret Smith's term; and

13           WHEREAS, Representative Jefferies served for 19 years as a  
14 legislative aide and office manager for the late Representative  
15 Lovana "Lou" Jones; and

16           WHEREAS, Following the death of Representative Jones in  
17 2006, Elga was appointed to serve the remainder of  
18 Representative Jones' term; and

19           WHEREAS, Since 2000, Representative Jefferies has served  
20 as the Deputy Mayor of Bronzeville, an elected position

1 established by the Bronzeville Merchants Association; she is  
2 also active in Operation PUSH, the Task Force for Black  
3 Empowerment, and the Palmer House for Boys; and

4 WHEREAS, As State Representative, she continued Lou Jones'  
5 tradition of being a voice for the voiceless by fighting for  
6 working families, children, and seniors, as well as helping  
7 district residents to access State services; and

8 WHEREAS, While serving as State Representative, she  
9 compiled a number of important legislative accomplishments  
10 that reflect her dedication to improving the lives of the 26th  
11 District's residents, including voting for record increases in  
12 education funding for local schools, pushing to expand  
13 prescription drug coverage for seniors under the Illinois Cares  
14 Rx program, fighting to increase funding for the Temporary  
15 Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, successfully  
16 taking on the big utility companies to provide rate relief for  
17 consumers, and working to create programs to help rehabilitate  
18 drug users and help them find the right path; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Jefferies is the dedicated mother  
20 of four and the loving grandmother of four; her commitment to  
21 public service is motivated by her desire that they and future  
22 generations might grow up in a better world where opportunities  
23 for success are widely available to all; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3 thank Representative Elga Jefferies for her many years of  
4 service to improving the safety, welfare, and quality of life  
5 for the people of the 26th District and the people of Illinois  
6 and wish her the best in all of her future endeavors; and be it  
7 further

8           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Representative Elga Jefferies as a symbol of  
10 appreciation and respect on behalf of her colleagues in the  
11 Illinois House of Representatives.