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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor accomplishments in the
4 lives of citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Deborah Harrington, a woman who has empowered,
6 uplifted, and served the people of Chicago, particularly the
7 women of Chicago, has won the Civic Engagement, Community
8 Service and Community Organizing Award from the University of
9 Illinois at Chicago's Department of Gender and Women's Studies;
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11 WHEREAS, Deborah received her B.A. in Anthropology from the
12 University of Illinois; she performed postgraduate studies at
13 the University of Ghana in West Africa; and

14 WHEREAS, Deborah spent the first 20 years of her
15 professional career working in the public sector, holding
16 positions in the Illinois Department of Employment Security,
17 Department of Public Aid, and Department of Human Services; she
18 was a member of the Governor's Taskforce for Human Services
19 Reform and worked on the design and implementation of the
20 State's human services delivery system and on the
21 implementation of the 1996 Welfare Act; and

1 WHEREAS, Deborah has been exceptionally involved in
2 community service and public policy at the local, State, and
3 federal levels; she is the President of the Woods Fund of
4 Chicago, a Chicago-based foundation whose mission is to "give
5 voice to less advantaged people and communities"; as an
6 appointee to the public policy advisory board of the National
7 Council on Foundations, she facilitated development of the Paul
8 Ylvisaker Award for Public Policy; she is a member of the
9 Mayoral Policy Caucus; she is a board member of the Donors
10 Forum of Chicago and an advisory board member of the Institute
11 of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois;
12 she is Vice President of the board of Business and Professional
13 People for the Public Interest and serves as trustee to several
14 other community-based, non-profit, and civic organizations;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Deborah also does extensive volunteer work with
17 the Field Museum; she is a fair housing auditor for open
18 communities, a facilitator and liaison with the Chicago
19 neighborhood policing program, and a mayoral appointee of the
20 Chicago Sister Cities International Executive Committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Deborah has worked tirelessly to combat poverty,
22 promote fair housing, and garner resources to support
23 community-based organizations struggling to make a difference
24 in the lives of low-income women and their families in Chicago;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate Deborah Harrington on being given the Civic
5 Engagement, Community Service and Community Organizing Award
6 from the University of Illinois at Chicago's Department of
7 Gender and Women's Studies and wish her continued success in
8 the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Deborah Harrington as a sign of our affection, our
11 gratitude, and our respect.