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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor Nancy Aardema, Executive
4 Director of the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) in
5 Chicago, for her twenty years of service to LSNA; and

6 WHEREAS, Nancy Aardema, strongly believes that the Logan
7 Square Neighborhood Association's success has been based on
8 building ongoing relationships of personal trust among
9 individuals and organizations; during her years of service, the
10 organization has looked hard for ways to nurture numerous and
11 varied types of new social relationships within the Logan
12 Square neighborhood; and

13 WHEREAS, Relationship building is central to all of LSNA's
14 work; the organization strives to maintain Logan Square as a
15 neighborhood that is diverse economically, ethnically,
16 linguistically, and racially; and

17 WHEREAS, Nancy Aardema is widely recognized as an expert in
18 her field; since 1989 she has led LSNA to become one of the
19 strongest community organizations in the city, with one of the
20 most extensive parent participation programs for low-income
21 and immigrant families in the country; LSNA has also
22 demonstrated key leadership roles in citywide affordable

1 housing campaigns; and

2 WHEREAS, LSNA's education work received recognition from
3 the State of Illinois and the national Grantmakers Concerned
4 with Immigrants and Refugees as a model program for immigrant
5 integration in 2006; LSNA's Education Team won the Ford
6 Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World Award in October
7 2005; LSNA was presented with the Chicago Community Organizing
8 Award in May 2005; in 2000, LSNA received the
9 highly-competitive James V. Brown IV Award for Excellence in
10 Community Service; and in 1997 LSNA received the Best Community
11 Organization Award; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2002-03, Nancy Aardema was recognized for her
13 work with the awarding of the Chicago Community Trust Community
14 Service Fellowship; she was acknowledged in 1995 as "Best
15 Community Organizer" in the "Best of Chicago" series, presented
16 in Chicago Magazine; and

17 WHEREAS, Her dedication and years of service will be
18 celebrated on March 11, 2010 with A Celebration of Leadership;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 thank Nancy Aardema for her years of dedication and service to

1 the Logan Square Neighborhood Association and the people of the
2 State of Illinois; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Nancy Aardema as a symbol of our respect and
5 esteem.