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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, Achy Obejas, a distinguished and  
6 critically-acclaimed author, journalist, and translator, has  
7 won the Civic Engagement, Community Service and Community  
8 Organizing Award from the University of Illinois at Chicago's  
9 Gender and Women's Studies Program; and

10           WHEREAS, Achy Obejas, a staff writer for the Chicago  
11 Tribune, won a Pulitzer Prize for a Tribune team investigation;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Throughout her career as a journalist, Achy Obejas  
14 has received many awards, including the Studs Terkel Journalism  
15 Prize and several Peter Lisagor journalism honors; and

16           WHEREAS, As the author of Ruins, Days of Awe, Aguas & Otros  
17 Cuentos, and several other books, Achy Obejas has been awarded  
18 2 Lambda Literary awards, a national Endowment for the Arts  
19 fellowship in poetry, and residencies at Yaddo, Ragdale, and  
20 the Virginia Center for the Arts; and

1           WHEREAS, Achy Obejas has translated Havana Noir into  
2 English and Junot Diaz's Pulitzer Prize-winning The Brief  
3 Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao into Spanish; and

4           WHEREAS, Achy Obejas has traveled extensively in various  
5 capacities, lecturing and reading her work in the United  
6 States, Cuba, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, and Australia and  
7 serving as the Springer Writer-in-Residence at the University  
8 of Chicago and the Distinguished Writer-in-Residence at the  
9 University of Hawaii; she currently serves as the Sor Juana  
10 Writer-in-Residence at DePaul University in Chicago;  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 congratulate Achy Obejas for winning the Civic Engagement,  
15 Community Service and Community Organizing Award from the  
16 University of Illinois at Chicago's Gender and Women's Studies  
17 Program and wish her continued success in the future; and be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
20 presented to Achy Obejas and the University of Illinois at  
21 Chicago's Gender and Women's Studies Program as a symbol of our  
22 affection, gratitude, and respect.