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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Mrs. Lourdes F. Díaz was born on the 13th day of  
3 February in the year nineteen hundred and sixty one in the  
4 great City of Chicago, being as such a proud daughter of our  
5 State's largest metropolis; and

6           WHEREAS, Mrs. Díaz's parents, Mr. Frank Diaz and Mrs.  
7 Aurelia Claudio, emigrated to the United States from the island  
8 of Puerto Rico during the 1950s, settled in Chicago, married  
9 and had four children in the city's ethnic milieu, both in  
10 Pilsen as well as the Northeast Side; and

11           WHEREAS, The Diaz-Claudio family are fine, long-standing  
12 citizens of our State and have contributed to our common  
13 well-being with their hard work and outstanding citizenship,  
14 embodying and enriching one of the great pillars of our  
15 country: the coming together of people from every corner of the  
16 planet into a single, thriving America; and

17           WHEREAS, Mrs. Lourdes Diaz has carried on that tradition in  
18 her own life and work, having graduated with distinction from  
19 Holy Family High School and Loyola University in Chicago,  
20 moving on to a successful career in banking, real estate, and  
21 diversity in several cities and companies across the United  
22 States, and building her own family of four with husband Juan

1 Carlos Diaz, son Franco, and daughter Briana; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Diaz has become known as an exemplary woman  
3 and Hispanic executive, using her position in the corporate  
4 world to promote and create boundless opportunities and full  
5 equality for women and Hispanics in business and society; and

6 WHEREAS, To achieve this high and noble objective, Mrs.  
7 Diaz has joined numerous civic and business organizations and  
8 has been recognized by the media for outstanding results in her  
9 advocacy and her work; and

10 WHEREAS, In her current capacity as Vice President of  
11 Diversity Relations for the Sodexo Corporation in Washington,  
12 D.C., Mrs. Diaz leads a unique, pioneering and laudable  
13 outreach effort aimed at women, minority, LGBT, and other  
14 minority business suppliers in the City of Chicago, as well as  
15 minority and community organizations in the city, with the  
16 intent of integrating them all into Sodexo's growth, and thus  
17 provide opportunities for them to prosper and fulfill the true  
18 calling of the American Dream; and

19 WHEREAS, As she turns 50, Mrs. Diaz looks ahead to an even  
20 bigger and brighter role in her endless determination to  
21 achieve proportional growth and prosperity for women,  
22 Hispanics, and other minorities in our great land, all the

1 while delivering significant value and results to the entities  
2 in which she works, be they corporate or non-profit; therefore,  
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we congratulate Mrs. Lourdes Diaz on her 50th birthday; and be  
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Mrs. Lourdes Diaz as a symbol of our respect and  
10 esteem.