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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Dr. Sheila C. Ribordy for her lifetime of accomplishment; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Ribordy received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in clinical psychology; she began her professional career at DePaul University in 1975 as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology; she has been on the faculty ever since; she also served as a supervising psychologist in the original DePaul Mental Health Center, now DePaul Family and Community Services, from 1975 to the present; she became director of DePaul Family and Community Services in 1996; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Ribordy is the author of countless published works; during her tenure at DFCS, she has been instrumental in the procurement of numerous grants for special projects and community services in Cabrini Green and Lathrop Homes; she was instrumental in the funding and establishment of the Urban Systems of Care program, as well as the establishment of two satellite offices in Lathrop Homes and Cabrini communities to provide outreach and support to families and active case management and linkage to families for mental health services from 1998 to 2004; she secured funding and

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1 established the Bridges Program to provide outreach and  
2 intensive community support for youth involved in the juvenile  
3 justice system from 1999 to the present; she established the  
4 Crossroads Program, a prevention service to provide groups,  
5 case management, and support to youth at risk of becoming  
6 involved in the juvenile justice system from 2004 to 2008; she  
7 was involved in NIAC for many years and served as the  
8 organization's President; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Ribordy has been recognized by numerous  
10 groups for her work at DFCS; she was instrumental in bringing  
11 the Harry V. McNeill Memorial Award to DFCS, as well as the  
12 American Psychological Association and SCRA 2005 Outstanding  
13 Excellence award for bringing innovative community mental  
14 health to the Cabrini and Lathrop areas; in 2005, she received  
15 the Cortelyou-Lowery Award for Excellence and the  
16 Distinguished DePaul University Faculty designation from the  
17 university's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; in 2010, she  
18 received her 35th Service Award from the university; she has  
19 also received numerous community service awards; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Ribordy serves as a model of hard work,  
21 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of  
22 Illinois; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we honor Dr. Sheila C. Ribordy for her many accomplishments and  
3 wish her continued success and happiness in the future; and be  
4 it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Dr. Sheila Ribordy as a symbol of our esteem and  
7 respect.