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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, In recognition of Women's History Month in the  
3 State of Illinois, the members of the Illinois House of  
4 Representatives are pleased to recognize State Senator Iris  
5 Martinez as the first Latina Illinois State Senator; and

6           WHEREAS, In 2003, Senator Martinez was the first Latina  
7 woman to be elected to the Illinois State Senate; and

8           WHEREAS, Senator Martinez has been particularly concerned  
9 with issues concerning women's health; in her first year in  
10 Springfield, she ensured that community agencies like the  
11 Children's Place, an agency that works with children and  
12 families affected by HIV and AIDS, and Concordia Avondale  
13 Community Center, which provides daycare, after-school  
14 programs, and a center for seniors, received State funding to  
15 continue their programming; and

16           WHEREAS, To help protect consumers from becoming victims of  
17 identity theft, Senator Martinez helped pass a law that  
18 requires all insurance cards be issued without a Social  
19 Security number; and

20           WHEREAS, In 2004, Senator Martinez was awarded the Hillary  
21 Rodham Clinton Leadership Award, an award presented to an

1 elected official by the Illinois Democratic Women's  
2 organization; therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we recognize State Senator Iris Martinez on being elected the  
6 first Latina Illinois State Senator; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to State Senator Iris Martinez as a symbol of our  
9 respect and esteem.