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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto, having served the
3 community of Little Village, the City of Chicago, and the State
4 of Illinois, was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize for
5 North America on April 15, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, The Goldman Environmental Prize, established in
7 1989, is an honor given annually to grassroots activists around
8 the world who demonstrate courage and commitment to protect the
9 natural environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto is the first Illinois
11 recipient of the Global Environmental Prize in the history of
12 the award; and

13 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto worked for over a decade
14 to retire the Fisk and Crawford coal-fired power plants and
15 bring environmental justice to her community; and

16 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto, a life-long resident of
17 the southwest side of Chicago, began her community activism
18 when her son Anthony had his first asthma attack; and

19 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto served as a community
20 organizer for the Little Village Environmental Justice

1 Organization, educating her fellow community members about the
2 health and pollution concerns of Little Village; and

3 WHEREAS, Proving herself as a leader, Kimberly
4 Wasserman-Nieto was appointed executive director of the Little
5 Village Environmental Justice Organization in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto, the Little Village
7 Environmental Justice Organization, and the Chicago Clean
8 Power Coalition were able to build support in their community
9 and across Chicago for the city to take action on coal-fired
10 power plants; and

11 WHEREAS, With additional leadership from Chicago Mayor
12 Rahm Emanuel, the coal-fired plants were retired in September
13 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto continues her work to
15 strengthen and improve the health of her community; therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize and congratulate Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto for
20 winning the Goldman Environmental Prize, and for her dedicated
21 service to the residents of Little Village, the City of

1 Chicago, and the State of Illinois; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Kimberly Wasserman-Nieto as an expression of our
4 esteem and respect.