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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of NEW
4 Leadership Illinois on the occasion of its 10th anniversary in
5 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, NEW Leadership Illinois is a non-partisan,
7 week-long residential program for college women, which
8 includes a policy theme and interaction with policy experts
9 from the University of Illinois and elsewhere, with the goal of
10 not only understanding one particular policy problem but also
11 gaining important skills in effectively using expert
12 information to make a persuasive argument; it is designed to
13 increase the representation of women in all elements of public
14 life, including elected office; and

15 WHEREAS, Students learn firsthand from the program what it
16 means to serve in public office and as women leaders; the
17 program includes visits from current and former legislators,
18 other elected and appointed officials, lobbyists, and
19 political campaign staff, who serve as mentors in the program;
20 keynotes, panels, and roundtable discussions are held so that
21 students are able to see policy in action by visiting
22 government offices during the week; and

1 WHEREAS, NEW Leadership Illinois is a joint initiative of
2 the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the
3 University of Illinois and the Conference of Women Legislators
4 of the Illinois General Assembly; NEW Leadership Illinois has
5 been developed in partnership with the NEW Leadership
6 Development Network established by the Center for American
7 Women and Politics, with a network that includes 14 states and
8 the District of Columbia; its mission is to promote greater
9 knowledge and understanding about women's participation in
10 politics and government and to enhance women's influence and
11 leadership in public life; and

12 WHEREAS, NEW Leadership Illinois has helped Illinois rank
13 among the top 10 states for women political leadership as it
14 has equipped over 200 young women since 2006 with the tools
15 needed to be successful in later careers in public services;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 congratulate the members of NEW Leadership Illinois on its 10th
20 anniversary and wish the organization and its members continued
21 success in the future; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to the NEW Leadership Illinois as a symbol of our

1 esteem and respect.