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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Mujeres Latinas en Accion (Mujeres) is the oldest  
3 Latina serving organization in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, Mujeres was founded in 1973 in response to a  
5 Latina Leadership conference, La Mujer Despierta, held in  
6 Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mujeres is celebrating its 40th anniversary in  
8 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Mujeres has been dedicated for 40 years to  
empowering Latinas and their families; the organization, based  
11 in Pilsen, is non-profit and has national influence; and

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WHEREAS, Mujeres Latinas en Accion empowers Latinas by  
providing services which reflect their values and culture and  
being an advocate on the issues that make a difference in their  
live; and

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WHEREAS, In the past year alone, Mujeres Latinas en Accion  
served 10,671 people in direct services, a 26% increase since  
fiscal year 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Mujeres has received national recognition as the

1 leading community-based organization in providing culturally  
2 proficient services in the areas of domestic violence, sexual  
3 assault, parent support, homelessness prevention, youth  
4 development, and Latina leadership; and

5 WHEREAS, One in 4 Latinas will become victims of domestic  
6 violence, Mujeres' nationally-recognized Domestic Violence  
7 Program was established in 1981 and serves more than 1,000  
8 individuals annually through one office in Chicago and a  
9 suburban office in North Riverside; and

10 WHEREAS, Latinas in the U.S. are the fastest growing  
11 segment among entrepreneurs even as the economy continues to  
12 struggle; nearly one million businesses in the U.S. are owned  
13 by Latinas (almost 40 percent of all Hispanic owned businesses)  
14 generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue annually;  
15 Latinas are opening businesses at 6 times the national average;  
16 in response to this trend, Mujeres created a new  
17 microenterprise program called Empresarias del Futuro; and

18 WHEREAS, During Mujeres' most recently completed fiscal  
19 year, members of the Latina Leadership Program helped the  
20 organization reach and naturalize 1,346 new citizens; during  
21 the midterm elections, Mujeres leaders were active in  
22 registering 346 new voters and mobilizing 2,485 voters to the  
23 polls in 17 precincts and 3 ward; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3 we applaud and honor Mujeres Latinas en Accion for 40 years of  
4 dedicated service; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Mujeres Latinas en Accion (Mujeres) as a symbol of  
7 our respect and esteem.