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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague, State Representative Maria Antonia "Toni" Berrios, on her 12 years as a member of the Illinois General Assembly and to thank her for her dedicated service to her State and her community; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Berrios was born and raised on the northwest side of Chicago; she attended Notre Dame High School for Girls and Northeastern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Berrios was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 2002, becoming the first Puerto Rican-American woman elected to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Berrios has been a strong advocate for some of the most vital issues facing Illinois families, including working to raise the minimum wage, ensuring equal pay for women, and securing marriage equality; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Berrios is an active member of her community; she holds an annual Back to School Fair to help provide needed resources for area families, an event that has offered

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1 less-fortunate families the opportunity to receive school
2 supplies, immunizations, and other services; and

3 WHEREAS, Rep. Berrios was the first woman elected as
4 Co-chair of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus, serving as
5 a staunch advocate on Latino issues; she fought to provide more
6 scholarship opportunities for Latino children to attend
7 college; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Berrios has championed the cause of consumer
9 protection; she served as Chair of the Financial Institutions
10 Committee and worked hard to provide stronger safeguards for
11 residents against fraud; she promoted programs to help
12 struggling homeowners and renters, and she consistently helped
13 make the voices of the less-fortunate heard; and

14 WHEREAS, All who have served with Rep. Berrios will miss
15 her warm smile and diligence on behalf of her district's
16 residents and to the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate and thank State Representative Maria Antonia
20 "Toni" Berrios for her years of dedicated service; and be it
21 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Rep. Berrios as an expression of our respect,
3 esteem, and best wishes.