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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Maria Elizabeth Sanchez on her career, her achievements, and her contribution to the State; and

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WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez is the commander of the 6th Battalion and Chicago Military Entrance Processing Station and supports the USMEPCOM mission of evaluating applicants by applying Department of Defense standards in processing and determining eligibility for military service; and

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WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez enlisted in the United States Army at Phoenix MEPS and received her commission through Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

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WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez has served as photo and layout specialist with the 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, squad leader with the 70th Engineer Company at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, platoon sergeant with the 100th Engineer Company at Fort Bragg, and instructor with the Defense Mapping School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; and

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WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez's commissioned assignments include

1 platoon leader, C Battery, 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense  
2 Artillery Regiment (Patriot), Fort Bliss, Texas and deployed  
3 to the United Arab Emirates; battalion human resources  
4 officer, 2nd Battalion (Assault), 25th Aviation Regiment,  
5 Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii and deployed to Afghanistan;  
6 personnel management officer, United States Army Pacific, Fort  
7 Shafter; human resources officer, 25th Division Artillery,  
8 Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; commander, San Juan MEPS, San  
9 Juan, Puerto Rico; liaison, U.S. Military Entrance Processing  
10 Command and Accessions Policy, Office of the Secretary of  
11 Defense, Washington, D.C.; and military secretariat, Joint  
12 Staff J6, Washington, D.C.; and

13 WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez's military education includes  
14 Advanced Individual Training as a photo and layout specialist,  
15 Senior Tactics Instructor Course, Officer Candidate School,  
16 Basic Officer Leader Course, Air Defense Officer Basic Course,  
17 Adjutant General Officer Advanced Course, Human Resources  
18 Plans and Operations Course, Brigade Human Resources  
19 Operations Course, and Command and General Staff College; and

20 WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez earned an Associate of Arts in  
21 General Studies from Fayetteville Technical Community College  
22 in North Carolina, a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish with a minor  
23 in Latin American Studies from George Mason University in  
24 Fairfax, Virginia, and a Master of Arts in Human Resource

1 Management from Webster University; and

2 WHEREAS, LTC Sanchez's military awards and decorations  
3 include the Bronze Star Medal, three Defense Meritorious  
4 Service Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint  
5 Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals,  
6 nine Army Achievement Medals, and various service, unit, and  
7 personal medals and ribbons; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
10 we recognize Lieutenant Colonel Maria Elizabeth Sanchez on her  
11 career, her achievements, and the exceptional work that she  
12 has done for both Illinois and Chicago MPS; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to LTC Sanchez as a symbol of our respect and esteem.