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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Monserrate Diaz on the 4 occasion of her 80th birthday on June 22, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz was born to Adelina Roman and 6 Alejandro Diaz in Esperanza, Arecibo, Puerto Rico on June 22, 7 1942; growing up, she was noted for being highly intelligent, 8 quiet, responsible, humble, cooperative, and a hard worker; 9 and

WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz attended Escuela Diego Bravo until seventh grade; alongside her family, she moved to Chicago and attended Cooper School until 1958; she entered Our Lady of Bethlehem Convent under the Order of St. Joseph in August 1958; she attended Nazareth Academy during her high school years; she received her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts from Rosary College; and

WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz taught third grade at St. Bonaventure Catholic School; she decided to leave the Order of St. Joseph in 1967, returning home; she then decided to go to Puerto Rico, where she worked at Centro Medico for two and a half years; and

- 1 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz returned to Chicago in 1969; she
- 2 earned her Master of Arts in Social Work from the University of
- 3 Chicago; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz worked for United Charities for
- 5 one year before serving as a social worker at Tulley High
- 6 School; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz was recruited to work with
- 8 Senator Charles Percy in Washington, D.C., where she served as
- 9 the social worker community liaison for two years; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz went to work at the Department of
- 11 Justice Juvenile Justice Division, and she was responsible for
- reviewing grants for the department; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz then worked as a special agent
- 14 with the Department of Immigration and Naturalization; in
- 15 addition to her service in the United States, she worked in
- Rome, Italy, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto
- 17 Rico, the Caribbean, and Cuba; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz married Charles Ramon Rivera on
- 19 June 11, 1983, and they lived in Arlington, Virginia; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz worked for the federal government

for 30 years; upon her retirement, she moved with her family to

- 2 Orlando, Florida; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Monserrate Diaz has always been a very caring,
- 4 compassionate, and giving woman, and she is known for always
- 5 helping her family and strangers in need; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 7 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 8 we congratulate Monserrate Diaz on celebrating her 80th
- 9 birthday, and we wish her many more happy and healthy years;
- 10 and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 presented to Monserrate Diaz as an expression of our esteem
- 13 and respect.