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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate Anita Gilkey on the 4 occasion of her retirement from the Chicago Park District; and

WHEREAS, Anita Gilkey grew up on the southeast side of Chicago in the Calumet Heights community, where she learned how to play softball and baseball; she played on boys and co-ed teams all over the city; she excelled in 11 inch fast pitch softball at Kenwood Academy High School, where she also played basketball; and

WHEREAS, Anita Gilkey received an athletic scholarship to play basketball at Chicago State University, where she also played softball and received a bachelor's degree in recreation; she earned a master's degree in the administration of physical education and sports from the University of Illinois at Chicago; she then received her Illinois State teaching certificate and worked as a substitute teacher in the public schools; and

WHEREAS, Anita Gilkey was hired by the Chicago Park District as an hourly physical instructor in May 1989; through her subsequent 34 year career, she advanced through a variety of positions, including monthly physical instructor,

- 1 playground supervisor, park supervisor, area manager, and
- 2 manager in community engagement; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 4 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 5 we congratulate Anita Gilkey on her retirement from the
- 6 Chicago Park District after 34 years of service to the
- 7 community, children, employees, and the parks; and be it
- 8 further
- 9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 10 presented to Anita Gilkey as a symbol of our esteem and
- 11 respect.