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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States commemorates National Women's History Month every March to recognize and honor the contributions of women throughout the history of the United States and the women making history now; and

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WHEREAS, Latinas contribute to the cultural, economic, and political power of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, There are approximately 30,000,000 Latinas living in the United States, and 1,120,000 Latinas live in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Latinas continue to be greatly underrepresented in elected office; and

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WHEREAS, Latinas represent 9.3% of the United States population but only 3% of elected officeholders in state and federal offices across the country; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is a model for supporting and electing Latinas; and

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has significantly increased the representation of Latinas at all levels of government by

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1 electing the diverse and powerful Latinas of Illinois' Third
2 Congressional District, including Village of Franklin Park
3 Clerk April Arellano, Village of Addison Trustee Maria Reyes,
4 Bensenville Village Trustee Rosa Carmona, Hanover Township
5 Trustee Denise Noyola, Assistant City Manager of Elgin Karina
6 Nava, Council Member for the City of Elgin Rosamaria Martinez,
7 Alderperson Ruth Cruz, Alderperson Jessie Fuentes, Alderperson
8 Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez, Metropolitan Water Reclamation
9 District of Greater Chicago Board Commissioner Eira L. Corral
10 Sepúlveda, State Representative Eva Dina Delgado, State
11 Representative Lilian Jimenez, State Representative Norma
12 Hernandez, State Senator Karina Villa, and State Senator
13 Cristina Castro; and

14 WHEREAS, Many of the Latinas elected to their positions
15 are the first Latinas in their roles or the first Latinas to
16 serve in their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, The work of Latinas at all levels of government
18 in the State of Illinois has resulted in the codification of
19 women's rights and the expansion of healthcare for
20 undocumented people; and

21 WHEREAS, The grassroots, organizing, and political
22 participation of Latinas resulted in the election of the first
23 Latina from the Midwest to Congress; and

1 WHEREAS, The voices, lived experiences, and contributions
2 of Latinas in the State of Illinois continue to have long
3 lasting, positive impacts for the communities that they serve;
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5 WHEREAS, Latinas representing Latinas is necessary to
6 build a multicultural, multigenerational movement that
7 acknowledges the shared humanity of others; and

8 WHEREAS, Significant progress has been made to increase
9 the representation of Latinas in all decision-making spaces;
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11 WHEREAS, There is still work that needs to be done until we
12 achieve equitable representation of Latinas in all sectors,
13 industries, and leadership roles; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we celebrate the impact and contributions of contemporary
17 Latinas in the State of Illinois; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we acknowledge the value of Latinas and the
19 essential role they play in our multicultural,
20 multigenerational democracy; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we recognize the importance of accurate and
2 timely data on Latinas living in the United States and the role
3 that the U.S. Census Bureau plays in delivering data that
4 impacts the political and economic power and influence of
5 Latinas.