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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to 3 congratulate Mujeres Latinas en Acción on their 50 years of 4 service throughout the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, Mujeres Latinas en Acción is a bilingual and 6 bicultural agency that empowers Latinas by providing services 7 that reflect their values, culture, and advocacy on the issues 8 that make a difference in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1973, Mujeres Latinas en Acción is the longest running incorporated Latina organization in the nation; the year of 2023 marks 50 years that this organization has dedicated to the Latino communities in the Chicago area; by developing a comprehensive array of social services and advocacy initiatives that promote non-violence, reproductive health, and leadership development, this organization is a critical resource for Black and Brown people in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Understanding the importance of supporting individuals when they need it the most, Mujeres Latinas en Acción has a domestic violence program, a sexual assault program, a parent support program, a Latina Leadership program for Spanish-speaking women survivors of sexual and domestic violence, and an educational program for Spanish-speaking

1 immigrants, as well as a focus on community engagement and

- business training; and
- 3 WHEREAS, For individuals who may need assistance with
- 4 domestic violence related situations, Mujeres Latinas en
- 5 Acción has a 24-hour crisis hotline that offers counseling,
- 6 therapy, and many other resources; with an all bilingual
- 7 staff, the organization continues to meet its communities'
- 8 needs without making anyone feel unheard or misrepresented;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Serving thousands of Latino families, students,
- 11 children, and leaders in the community, Mujeres Latinas en
- 12 Acción is an example of excellence at the highest level;
- 13 therefore, be it
- 14 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
- 15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate
- 16 Mujeres Latinas en Acción for 50 years of service and merit;
- 17 and be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution is to be
- 19 presented to Linda Tortolero as a symbol of our esteem and
- 20 respect.