



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Norma Polcek of Rockford was recently named  
3 one of 24 finalists for the 2006 Enterprising Women of the Year  
4 Award through Enterprising Women magazine; and

5 WHEREAS, She is an entrepreneur, president and owner of  
6 Samco Promotional Products, and currently is developing her own  
7 line of shoes called Norma E.; she was chosen as a finalist for  
8 the award because she has accomplished a great deal with her  
9 company, and she also gives back to other women; and

10 WHEREAS, Samco Promotional Products is a 22-year-old  
11 Machesney Park-based company that boasts more than 100 clients;  
12 she is one of four finalists who have businesses that make \$1  
13 million to \$5 million in annual revenue; and

14 WHEREAS, Originally from Bronx, New York, she came to  
15 Illinois in 1973 with her husband, Bruce; she started her  
16 professional career as a high school math teacher; and

17 WHEREAS, She attended Hunter College of The City University  
18 of New York, where she majored in mathematics major and minored  
19 in education and economics; she holds a master's degree in  
20 mathematics with an education minor; and

21 WHEREAS, She is active in her community and has been a  
22 member of numerous civic and professional organizations,  
23 including as a board member of the Rockford Park District  
24 Foundation; as a member of the Women's Art Board of the  
25 Rockford Art Museum; as a member and past president of the  
26 Women Presidents' Organization, Chicago chapter; and as a board  
27 member of Leadership Illinois, a statewide women's leadership  
28 organization; and

29 WHEREAS, She is the proud mother of Sharyn, Alyssa, and

1 Heidi, and the grandmother of Daniel, Marc, Samatha, and  
2 Matthew; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate Ms. Norma Polcek on being named a finalist for  
6 the 2006 Enterprising Women of the Year Award through  
7 Enterprising Women magazine; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to Ms. Polcek as an expression of our respect and  
10 esteem.