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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate the administration and employees of PepsiCo's Chicago headquarters and the members of the PepsiCo Green Chicago Team on the occasion of receiving the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council; and

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WHEREAS, The LEED Green Building Rating System is the nationally accepted benchmark for maximizing operational efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts in existing buildings operations and maintenance; to earn LEED certification, points are awarded for building attributes in five categories: Sustainable Sites, Water Efficiency, Energy & Atmosphere, Materials & Resources, and Indoor Environmental Quality; and

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WHEREAS, PepsiCo's Chicago Plaza office earned this prestigious recognition by reducing the building's energy use by 10 percent in less than a year, cutting water usage to 37 percent below Energy Policy Act performance standards, and eliminating almost 226 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions through energy saving programs; and

1 WHEREAS, The PepsiCo Green Chicago Team, an
2 employee-established environmental committee, focused on four
3 critical elements in the large-scale effort to obtain LEED
4 certification, including energy savings, specifically the use
5 of employee-nominated floor leaders to keep employees engaged
6 and aware of their daily energy use; waste reduction, which
7 involves monthly contests that pit each of the 16 floors
8 against each other in competition to reduce waste, recycling,
9 involving a formal recycling program that focused on recycling
10 100 percent of the recyclable glass, paper, plastic, cardboard,
11 batteries, printer/fax cartridges, and light bulbs discarded
12 in the Chicago Plaza's refuse bins; and air quality, which
13 involves the replacement of all janitorial and cleaning
14 products with alternative cleaning products that meet the
15 USGBC's stringent Sustainable Cleaning Products and Materials
16 standards and the improvement of the building's HVAC system to
17 be more efficient; and

18 WHEREAS, Building on PepsiCo's "Performance with Purpose"
19 sustainability vision to improve environmental, social, and
20 economic aspects for a better tomorrow, the (LEED) Silver
21 Certification the headquarters has received reinforces
22 PepsiCo's commitment to reduce the impact of its businesses on
23 the environment; PepsiCo's Green Team is now working with other
24 PepsiCo office buildings across the country to encourage
25 greater environmental responsibility and LEED certification of

1 other PepsiCo office buildings, another telling measure of the
2 company's commitment; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
5 congratulate the administration and employees of PepsiCo's
6 Chicago headquarters and the members of the PepsiCo Green
7 Chicago Team on the occasion of receiving the LEED Silver
8 Certification and wish them continued success in their future
9 endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the PepsiCo Green Chicago Team as a symbol of our
12 esteem and respect.