

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone  
4 achievements in the lives of the citizens of the State of  
5 Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Marisa Colardo  
7 Garlich, an ESL Student of "The Reading Link", an adult  
8 literacy program of Kaskaskia College, has been selected as  
9 one of ten outstanding adult literacy students in Illinois to  
10 receive a Spotlight on Achievement Award sponsored by the  
11 Illinois Secretary of State's office and the Illinois Press  
12 Association; and

13 WHEREAS, The Spotlight on Achievement Award is presented  
14 to a literacy or ESL Student who has worked with a volunteer  
15 tutor in a State literacy program during the past year; and

16 WHEREAS, Marisa Colardo Garlich is a native of the  
17 Philippines who came to Southern Illinois in 1990 with very  
18 limited English skills and only a primary education in her  
19 native country; she became a student with "The Reading Link"  
20 program in 1990 and has been studying diligently for more  
21 than ten years to achieve her goal of literacy; and

22 WHEREAS, She has achieved intermediate reading and  
23 writing skills, obtained a driver's license, maintains a  
24 full-time job, and has become a full-fledged United States  
25 citizen; and

26 WHEREAS, Marisa Colardo Garlich is the mother of two  
27 boys, and a full-time employee who meets weekly with her  
28 tutor to continue her improvement in her reading, writing and  
29 math skills so that she can obtain her GED in the future; and

30 WHEREAS, Marisa Colardo Garlich is very energetic and  
31 willing to express to other how "The Reading Link" literacy

1 program has changed her life; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Marisa Colardo Garlich on being the recipient  
5 of a Spotlight on Achievement Award; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7 presented to Marisa Colardo Garlich as an expression of our  
8 esteem.