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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague,
4 State Representative Cynthia Soto, on her 17 years as a member
5 of the Illinois General Assembly and thank her for her
6 dedicated service to our State and her community; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto grew up in Chicago's West Town
8 neighborhood, where she raised her three daughters with her
9 husband, David, and is now a grandmother of four; and

10 WHEREAS, Rep. Soto began her career in public service as a
11 clerk in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office soon after
12 graduating from Harper College; and

13 WHEREAS, During her time in office, Rep. Soto worked to
14 expand access to health care for children by supporting the
15 creation of the All Kids insurance program which provides
16 working families with comprehensive, affordable, health
17 insurance for their children, regardless of a child's
18 immigration status or health condition; to date, there are over
19 1.6 million Illinois children enrolled in All Kids, providing
20 hardworking families who cannot afford private health
21 insurance access to the care their children need; and

1 WHEREAS, As a member of the Illinois Legislative Latino
2 Caucus and a past co-chair, Rep. Soto championed efforts to
3 lift up and protect Illinois' vibrant immigrant communities by
4 supporting the Illinois DREAM Act, which ensured that the sons
5 and daughters of immigrants would be able to go college in this
6 State, and the Illinois TRUST Act, which prohibited immigration
7 officials from entering public schools, hospitals, churches,
8 and other places where all Illinois residents should feel safe;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Multiple times while in office, Rep. Soto worked
11 to ensure every Illinois resident was paid a living wage by
12 supporting legislation to raise the minimum wage, which led to
13 a boost in incomes, reduced income inequality, increased
14 consumer spending, economic growth, and a decreased need for
15 government assistance programs; and

16 WHEREAS, All who had the honor to serve with Rep. Soto will
17 miss her kindness, sincerity, unwavering commitment to her
18 family, and most notably her ability to lift your mood with a
19 simple and joyful greeting of "Hola amigo!"; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate and honor State Representative Cynthia Soto for
23 her dedicated service as a member of the Illinois House of

1 Representatives; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Rep. Soto as an expression of our respect, esteem,
4 and best wishes in her future endeavors.