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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Jo Ann Armenta of Elgin on her
4 lifetime service; and

5 WHEREAS, Jo Ann Armenta was the first member of her family
6 to earn a college degree; and

7 WHEREAS, Jo Ann Armenta was the first Hispanic woman to
8 join the Illinois State Police and was the first Hispanic
9 woman in the department to be promoted to sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, Jo Ann Armenta was the first Hispanic woman to be
11 named to the Human Rights Commission in Elgin and the first
12 Hispanic woman to be elected president of Illinois Women in
13 Law Enforcement, an organization she helped establish in 1985;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In 1973, Jo Ann Armenta earned a Bachelor of Arts
16 in literature of romance languages from the University of
17 Illinois at Chicago; and

18 WHEREAS, After college, Jo Ann Armenta did a variety of
19 work, including clothing design, but was intrigued by the idea
20 of becoming a police officer after her father saw an

1 advertisement for the State Police; she moved to Elgin when
2 she joined the State Police; and

3 WHEREAS, Jo Ann Armenta worked with the subcommittee on
4 women and minority issues of the DuPage Chiefs of Police
5 Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Through Jo Ann Armenta's work, both as a police
7 officer and a volunteer, she has shown determination and a
8 commitment to her community and to improving the lives of
9 others; she has been a mentor for young Hispanic girls from the
10 northwest suburbs; reaching out to help others is something
11 she always has felt is important because others helped her own
12 family; her motivation has always been to make a difference;
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we commend Jo Ann Armenta on her lifetime of service and
17 accomplishments; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Jo Ann Armenta as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.