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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Illinois State Police
4 Master Sergeant Jacqueline Cepeda on the occasion of being
5 named president of the Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement
6 Association (HISLEA); and

7 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cepeda was born to Miguel and
8 Irma Del Villar in Chicago in 1986; she grew up in the Little
9 Village community on the Southwest Side of Chicago, where she
10 attended Eli Whitney Elementary School; she transferred to
11 William B. Ogden Elementary School before attending and
12 graduating from Walter Payton College Preparatory High School,
13 relocating to the Scottsdale neighborhood; she earned her
14 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Loyola University
15 Chicago in 2009, during which she worked at Central States
16 SER, a non-profit organization in Little Village; she
17 graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cepeda began her career with the
19 Illinois State Police as a patrol trooper of the south sector
20 of District Chicago on a midnight shift; she worked in the
21 District Chicago Staff Office in 2013 and the Region I Staff
22 Office in 2016; she was promoted to sergeant in 2018 and then
23 worked as a department spokesperson in the Illinois State

1 Police's Public Information Office before being assigned as
2 chief of staff to Division of Patrol's Deputy Director's
3 Office in 2020; she was promoted to master sergeant in May
4 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cepeda has proudly served on the
6 executive board of the Hispanic Illinois State Law Enforcement
7 Association since 2016; she was elected and sworn in as
8 HISLEA's newest president in 2022, becoming the first female
9 president of HISLEA in its 35 years of existence; and

10 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cepeda has expressed her
11 commitment to making every effort towards ensuring that all
12 sworn officers employed by law enforcement agencies within the
13 State of Illinois are provided equal opportunities as well as
14 working to help members of our Latino communities through acts
15 of service, including the awarding of scholarships for higher
16 education; and

17 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Cepeda is married to Sergeant
18 Fernando Cepeda Jr. of the Illinois State Police, and they
19 welcomed their son, Fernando Cepeda III, in 2021; therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Illinois State Police Master Sergeant
2 Jacqueline Cepeda on being named president of the Hispanic
3 Illinois State Law Enforcement Association (HISLEA) and wish
4 her success in her new role; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to Master Sergeant Cepeda as an expression of our
7 esteem and respect.