



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, Jane Ramsey has served as Executive Director of
6 the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs for 25 years, presiding
7 over a period of success and growing membership; and

8 WHEREAS, The Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) is
9 recognizing her 25 years of leadership on November 13, 2004;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, As Executive Director of JCUA, she has worked for
12 the benefit of all Chicagoans by addressing important issues
13 such as homelessness and community displacement, community
14 reinvestment, police conduct, unemployment, racism, and
15 anti-Semitism; and

16 WHEREAS, She has been a lifelong activist and has dedicated
17 her life to improving the condition of Chicago's most
18 disenfranchised residents; and

19 WHEREAS, She has inspired countless others to strive for
20 social justice in her capacity as a lecturer and field
21 organizer for the University of Chicago, School of Social
22 Service Administration; and

23 WHEREAS, During a leave of absence from JCUA, she advised
24 Mayor Harold Washington on issues affecting Chicago's diverse
25 neighborhoods as Director of Community Relations for the Office
26 of the Mayor; and

27 WHEREAS, She has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to
28 the well-being of Chicago through her service on numerous

1 boards, including the Chicago Coalition to Protect Public
2 Housing, Chicago Rehab Network, Public Welfare Coalition, the
3 Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew
4 Congregations (now the Union for Reform Judaism), and Women in
5 Charge; and

6 WHEREAS, Under her leadership, the JCUA has become one of
7 Chicago's most active and important social justice
8 organizations and a model for other Jewish social justice
9 organizations throughout the country; and

10 WHEREAS, In her service to JCUA and the people of Chicago,
11 she has faithfully demonstrated the ideals of "tikkun olam";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, With 25 years under her belt, she is just getting
14 started; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 express our thanks to Jane Ramsey for her years of
18 accomplishment serving the people of Illinois; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Jane Ramsey as an expression of our esteem.