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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The annual University of Illinois-Chicago Gender
3 and Women's Studies Program's Women's History Month Reception
4 honors Civic Engagement, Community Service, and Community
5 Organizing (CECSCO) Award recipients; and

6 WHEREAS, Currently, Robyn Gabel serves in the Illinois
7 General Assembly as the State Representative from the 18th
8 District, representing parts of Rogers Park, Evanston,
9 Kenilworth, Wilmette, Winnetka, and Glencoe; she was appointed
10 on April 18, 2010 after she won the primary race in February
11 and then was sworn in on January 12, 2011 for a two-year term;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Throughout her career, Robyn Gabel has maintained
14 a strong commitment to serving the people of Illinois as an
15 advocate for women and working families; she began her career
16 as an educator in a women's health center, later serving as the
17 training coordinator and eventually co-director of other
18 health centers; as her interest in public service increased,
19 she became a legislative assistant to then-Alderman Luis
20 Gutierrez in Chicago, where she was responsible for the
21 development of policy positions and legislation for
22 healthcare, housing, and economic development; and

1 WHEREAS, She then took a position as the Executive Director
2 of the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition, which she
3 led from 1988 to 2010; she used her expertise to lead advocacy
4 and education activities to increase access to healthcare for
5 women, children, and families, school-based health services,
6 and substance abuse treatment centers; while at the Coalition,
7 she helped develop the KidCare health insurance program for
8 over 200,000 children and pregnant women; and

9 WHEREAS, She helped lead efforts to establish the Illinois
10 All Kids program, giving every child in Illinois access to
11 quality, affordable healthcare; there are now over 2.2 million
12 children and their parents enrolled in All Kids and FamilyCare;
13 she also led efforts to give 500,000 adults access to dental
14 care; and

15 WHEREAS, In April 2005, she received a Fellowship for
16 Community Leaders Award from the Chicago Community Trust and
17 spent the year researching the "Hispanic paradox" as it
18 pertains to Mexican-American women and their infants' birth
19 outcomes, as well as programs to address immigrant health in
20 Europe; and

21 WHEREAS, She has received a number of awards for her work
22 for Illinois families, including the Women's Health Activism
23 Award from Grace Today Magazine (2007), the President's Award

1 of the Illinois Public Health Association (1998), and the Child
2 Advocate Award of the Infant Welfare Society (1998); she is a
3 member of the Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Gabel received her B.A. in
5 Anthropology from Beloit College in 1975, her M.S. in Public
6 Health from the University of Illinois, Chicago in 1979, and
7 her M.J. in health law from Loyola University Chicago Law
8 School in 1996; and

9 WHEREAS, She will receive the Civic Engagement, Community
10 Service, and Community Organizing (CECSCO) Award during the
11 annual University of Illinois-Chicago Gender and Women's
12 Studies Program's Women's History Month Reception on March 4,
13 2011; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we congratulate State Representative Robyn Gabel on receiving
17 this award and wish her continued success for years to come;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to State Representative Robyn Gabel as a symbol of
21 our respect and esteem.