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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, Cleo Wilson is a founding board member of Intuit:  
7 The Center for Intuitive and Outsider Art and served as its  
8 president from 2002 to 2006; established in 1991, Intuit is  
9 grounded in the belief that the instinct to be creative is  
10 universal and the arts must embrace all, celebrate all, and be  
11 accessible to all regardless of education or socio-economic  
12 status; and

13           WHEREAS, She was the editor of Intuit's magazine, The  
14 Outsider, from 1992 until 2002, and in 2004, curated an  
15 exhibition at Intuit entitled "Sistuh: Four African American  
16 Self-Taught Artists"; prior to accepting the position of  
17 Executive Director at Intuit in 2006, with responsibility for  
18 the day-to-day operations of Intuit, including supervision of  
19 artistic and administrative personnel and programs, she served  
20 for 25 years as the Executive Director of the Playboy  
21 Foundation, a corporate giving program of Playboy Enterprises,  
22 Inc.; and

1           WHEREAS, Serving as a Playboy employee since 1976, she was  
2 named Foundation grants and programs manager in 1982; she was  
3 promoted to executive director of the Foundation in 1984 and  
4 named director of public affairs in 1989, and appointed vice  
5 president in 2000; and

6           WHEREAS, She serves on a variety of State and municipal  
7 grant-review panels, including the Illinois Arts Council, City  
8 Arts, and most recently the Propeller Fund; she has served as a  
9 member of the board of directors of the National Coalition  
10 Against Censorship (1997 to 2000), and was a member of the AIDS  
11 Foundation of Chicago's board of directors (1989 to 1999), and  
12 its president from 1990 to 1993; and

13           WHEREAS, She also was on the board of the American Civil  
14 Liberties Union of Illinois, serving as vice president from  
15 1997 to 2004; she has been listed since 1988 in Who's Who Among  
16 African-Americans and, since 1990, in Who's Who Among American  
17 Women; she was saluted as one of Chicago's up-and-coming black  
18 business and professional women in 1985 by Dollars and Sense  
19 magazine; in 1984, she was inducted into the Black Woman Hall  
20 of Fame in recognition of her community service; and

21           WHEREAS, In 1991, she was honored as a "Friend for Life" by  
22 the Howard Brown Medical Center; she received the "Phenomenal  
23 Woman Award" in 1997 at Chicago's Expo for Today's Black Woman,

1 in recognition of her leadership and dedication to community  
2 issues; in 1999, she was honored by the AIDS Foundation of  
3 Chicago for her "leadership, compassion, and generosity"; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2004, she received the Handy L. Lindsey Award  
5 for Inclusiveness in Philanthropy, and also that year, an award  
6 for outstanding leadership in support of reproductive rights  
7 from Personal PAC; in 2006, she was awarded the Edwin A.  
8 Rothschild Civil Liberties Award for her "persistent and clear  
9 voice in defense of civil liberties"; in October 2010, she was  
10 inducted into the HistoryMakers, the single largest archival  
11 collection of interviews of both well-known and unsung  
12 African-American history makers; she is a native Chicagoan and  
13 a 1976 graduate of the University of Illinois-Chicago; and

14 WHEREAS, She will receive the Civic Engagement, Community  
15 Service, and Community Organizing (CECSCO) Award during the  
16 annual University of Illinois-Chicago Gender and Women's  
17 Studies Program's Women's History Month Reception on March 4,  
18 2011; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we congratulate Cleo Wilson on receiving this award and wish  
22 her continued success for years to come; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Cleo Wilson as a symbol of our respect and esteem.