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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Stella Foster on being
4 awarded the 2012 Circle of Friends Award at the 18th Annual
5 Friends of Chicago State University Award Dinner "Women in the
6 Business of Transforming Lives" on September 20, 2012; and

7 WHEREAS, Stella Foster is a long-time columnist for the
8 Chicago Sun-Times; her column "Stella's Column" debuted in the
9 Sun-Times on December 2, 2003, and has become one of the most
10 popular columns in the newspaper; she has enjoyed a career as a
11 writer, broadcaster, and as the long-time assistant to the late
12 Irv Kupcinet; and

13 WHEREAS, Stella Foster's column is an eclectic mix of news,
14 entertainment, politics, the arts, gossip, and birthday
15 wishes; she publicizes charitable events such as those close to
16 her heart like child abuse, teenage pregnancy, and women's
17 issues; she is proactive on issues and speaks out on subjects
18 such as black on black crime and senseless violence; and

19 WHEREAS, Stella Foster was born and raised in the Englewood
20 community; she attended Chicago public schools and then began
21 pursuing a professional career in August of 1969 as the new
22 secretary for Irv Kupcinet; and

1 WHEREAS, Stella Foster was Irv Kupcinet's assistant for 34
2 years; her writing career began in the mid 1980's when she
3 began penning the column "Starlights by Stella" for the
4 national entertainment magazine, Sister 2 Sister; she later
5 sounded off on a wide range of topics with her column "Oh Boy!
6 Ain't She Opinionated"; and

7 WHEREAS, Stella Foster has been profiled in Chicago
8 Magazine, Today's Chicago Woman, N'Digo Magapaper, Rolling
9 Out, and the Chicago Defender; she is the recipient of numerous
10 awards including the Promises Fulfilled Award from South
11 Central Community Services, a communications award from the 100
12 Black Men of Chicago, the Chicago Journalists Association's
13 Lifetime Achievement Award, the Chicago Latino Network's
14 Platinum Communications Award, the A. Phillip Randolph Pullman
15 Porter Gentle Warrior Award, the National Association of Black
16 Journalists' Distinguished Service Award, the Rainbow PUSH
17 Media Trailblazer Award, the Archibald Motley Excellence in
18 Arts Award from the Englewood Committee, Mt. Sinai's Parenting
19 Institute's African Village Award (which she shared with her
20 family), the Torch for Journalism from Sigma Gamma Rho
21 Sorority, the Making A Difference Award from the Rainbow PUSH
22 Coalition as a Woman of Distinction, the State of Illinois
23 African American Media Award from the Secretary of State's
24 Office, the African-American History Service Award from Sixth

1 Grace Presbyterian Church, the Joint Civic Committee of Italian
2 American's coveted Dante Media Award, and the Shero Award for
3 Career Achievement from NABFEME; and

4 WHEREAS, Stella Foster has been saluted by the Midwest
5 Radio and Music Association, hailed as a "Phenomenal Woman" by
6 the Expo for Today's Black Woman, and named one of the 100
7 Woman Making a Difference by Today's Chicago Woman Magazine;
8 she received the Each One Teach One Literacy's Englewood
9 Community Award for Excellence in Journalism and has earned
10 awards from the Chicago Black Public Relations Society and from
11 the National Council of Negro Women; she was also presented the
12 Irv Kupciner Media Giant Award, named in honor of her late
13 mentor; she is a member of the Chicago Association of Black
14 Journalists, the National Association of Black Journalists,
15 the Association of Women Journalists, the Press Club, and the
16 Chicago Journalists Association; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate Stella Foster on being presented with the 2012
20 Circle of Friends Award; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Stella Foster as an expression of our esteem and
23 respect.