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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

8 WHEREAS, Valerie Van Meter is senior vice president and
9 senior financial officer for the 7th Federal Reserve District;
10 she leads the Central Bank Services Division, which includes
11 Discount Window Lending, Payments System Risk, Reserve
12 Accounting, and Statistical and Financial Reporting; she
13 oversees the bank's Finance Division, is the director of the
14 Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, and is a member of the
15 bank's Management Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, Valerie Van Meter is a native of Detroit,
17 Michigan; she began her career at the Detroit branch of the
18 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 1978; she held various
19 positions with the California Federal Bank and First Interstate
20 Bank of California from 1984 through 1993; she has been with
21 the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago since 1993; and

22 WHEREAS, Valerie Van Meter has a Bachelor of Arts in

1 Economics from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of
2 the Stonier Graduate School of Banking; she returned to school
3 in 2004 and obtained a Master of Business Arts from the
4 University of Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, Valerie Van Meter's two passions have always been
6 education and ensuring the growth of minority professionals in
7 the field of banking; she has been a mentor and sponsor to many
8 within the Federal Reserve System; she served as a mentor to
9 students with Chicago Scholars, professionals participating in
10 the Menttium and Momentum programs, and worked to ensure
11 internship opportunities for students of color; she has been a
12 director for Junior Achievement of Chicago since 2004 and
13 served as "Principal for a Day"; she has been a strong
14 supporter of the Young Men's Educational Network of North
15 Lawndale, the Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council,
16 the Women's Business Development Center and has been a member
17 of Chicago United Leader's Council since 2008; and

18 WHEREAS, Valerie Van Meter is married to Calvin Van Meter,
19 Jr. and is the proud mother of sons Calvin III and Austin;
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we congratulate Valerie Van Meter on her receiving the 2012

1 Circle of Friends Award; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Valerie Van Meter as an expression of our esteem
4 and respect.