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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Carmen K. Triche-Colvin has dedicated more than
3 three decades of exemplary service to Cook County and the
4 State of Illinois, demonstrating exceptional leadership,
5 integrity, and innovation in procurement, fiscal management,
6 organizational development, and public administration; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 2018, Carmen Triche-Colvin has served as
8 deputy clerk of the Board and Procurement for the Cook County
9 Clerk's Office, where she has maintained all legislative
10 records and the Code of Ordinances and successfully
11 implemented a new office purchasing system that streamlined
12 procurement across nine divisions, reducing processing time by
13 42%, improving headcount efficiency by 20%, and achieving 18%
14 in net savings; and

15 WHEREAS, Carmen Triche-Colvin served as a senior election
16 trainer for the Chicago Board of Elections from 2015 to 2022,
17 training thousands of election judges and coordinators on
18 election day procedures, equipment operations, voter services,
19 and compliance protocols, ensuring efficient, safe, and
20 accurate election administration for the residents of Chicago;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Carmen Triche-Colvin served as chief executive

1 officer of Next Level Strategies, a company that focused on
2 strategic improvement for small business, from 2015 to 2018;
3 she delivered transformative organizational results across
4 both for-profit and non-profit sectors, achieving a 22% net
5 income growth, expanding business partnerships by 18%,
6 reducing procurement processing time by 27%, and securing
7 significant cost savings and customer satisfaction
8 improvements; and

9 WHEREAS, During her service as deputy director of the
10 Office of Urban Assistance at the Illinois Department of
11 Commerce and Economic Opportunity from 2011 to 2015, Carmen
12 Triche-Colvin administered and oversaw programs exceeding \$450
13 million, including the Urban Weatherization Initiative, the
14 Illinois Fresh Food Fund, and the Employment Opportunity Grant
15 Fund, while facilitating green jobs training for 18,000
16 individuals; she also achieved a 75% certification rate,
17 expanded county participation by 300%, improved energy
18 efficiency for low-income households, restored equity and
19 integrity to statewide grant-making processes, eliminated
20 fiscal malfeasance, and further advanced statewide diversity
21 compliance initiatives while producing annual reports to the
22 Illinois General Assembly; and

23 WHEREAS, As chief procurement officer for the Office of
24 the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners from

1 2006 to 2011, Carmen Triche-Colvin administered procurement
2 for 100 agencies with an annual budget of \$345 million,
3 achieving 35% commodity savings, 42% gains in supplier
4 diversity, and 30 to 33% reductions in processing time, and
5 she generated \$30 million in total savings through audits and
6 strategic sourcing, created the Cook County Business
7 Opportunity Expo, and led countywide procurement training
8 programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Carmen Triche-Colvin served as chief procurement
10 officer for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County from
11 2002 to 2006, where she delivered major cost savings,
12 including an average 37% savings through strategic vendor
13 agreements, implemented procurement card programs, established
14 an electronic surplus disposal process that generated
15 \$395,000, reduced procurement errors by 73%, and increased
16 vendor engagement by 38%; and

17 WHEREAS, During her tenure as deputy purchasing agent from
18 1996 to 2002, Carmen Triche-Colvin oversaw procurement for 100
19 agencies, reducing delivery time by 16%, increasing vendor
20 participation by 34%, and implementing performance metrics
21 that improved procurement efficiency by 22%; and

22 WHEREAS, Carmen Triche-Colvin began her career as a senior
23 budget analyst from 1990 to 1996; in this role, she supervised

1 the development of 27 agency budgets totaling more than \$115
2 million, prepared leadership for budget hearings, reconciled
3 financial data, and provided essential fiscal oversight that
4 ensured accountability and transparency in county government;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Carmen
7 Triche-Colvin has demonstrated unwavering commitment to
8 ethical leadership, equity, operational excellence, and
9 innovation, and she has made meaningful contributions that
10 strengthened public trust, improved government efficiency, and
11 enhanced the lives of residents across Cook County and the
12 State of Illinois; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we commend Carmen K. Triche-Colvin for her extraordinary
16 service, leadership, and dedication to public administration,
17 procurement reform, community development, and government
18 excellence; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we thank Carmen K. Triche-Colvin for her
20 more than three decades of transformative impact on government
21 operations and the communities served; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Carmen Triche-Colvin as a symbol of esteem and
2 respect.