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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Mariela Castro, daughter of Cuban President Raul Castro, and President of the National Center for Sex Education (CENESEX) invited the Puerto Rican Cultural Center of Chicago (PRCC) to lead a delegation to Havana from May 9-15, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, The goal was to create an ongoing transnational dialog around HIV/AIDS transmission, how transmission rates are amplified by homophobia and transphobia, and how to confront and eradicate homophobia and transphobia in Cuba and the Puerto Rican/Latino communities in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, Juan M. Calderon, PRCC Chief Operations Officer, coordinated the effort in the U.S.; he has gathered a complement of 18 LGBT activists, community organizers, elected officials, and business owners from New York, Massachusetts, and Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, In Havana, CENESEX has hosted the "10ma Jornada Contra La Homofobia y La Transfobia Por Escuelas Sin Homofobia Ni Transfobia" conference of highly visible activities, cultural events, parade and educational efforts that aim to confront and eradicate homophobia and transphobia in Cuba, and in general to promote its mission, which is "The development of a culture of sexuality that is full, pleasurable, and

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1 responsible, as well as to promote the full exercise of sexual
2 rights"; and

3 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center Juan Antonio
4 Corretjer will be celebrating the 39th Annual Puerto Rican
5 People's Parade, participate in Chicago's Gay Pride Weekend and
6 Parade and host various community activities, receptions and
7 community forums; and

8 WHEREAS, Andy Aquino Aguera, Director of Community
9 Relations of the National Center of Sex Education and Malu
10 Cano, Trans Cuba Coordinator visited Chicago to participate
11 activities led by the Puerto Rican/Latino LGBTQ community; and

12 WHEREAS, Andy Aquino Aguera will be sharing best practices,
13 discussions, conferences, workshops will help the PRCC enhance
14 services for all the Puerto Rican/Latin@ LGBTQ community, but
15 particularly the most vulnerable, the trans community in
16 Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center and TransLatina
18 Coalition will honor the work and world wide leadership of Malu
19 Cano, Trans Cuba Coordinator as this year's Paseo Boricua
20 Ambassador and Honored Queen 2017 at the 10th annual Coronation
21 of the Paseo Boricua Cacica Queen 2017 Gala; and

1 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois embraces the lesbian, gay,
2 bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) Puerto Rican/Latin@
3 community and works to foster equality and inclusiveness
4 statewide; and

5 WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, in
6 keeping with its time-honored traditions, to recognize and
7 applaud partnerships abroad, events which foster ethnic pride
8 and exemplify the cultural diversity which represents and
9 strengthens the fabric of the communities of the State of
10 Illinois; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
13 recognize and commend the Puerto Rican Cultural Center and the
14 National Center of Sex Education transnational partnership on
15 issues of wellness facing the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and
16 Transgender Puerto Rican/Latin@ community and enhances the
17 profile of diversity which so strengthens the fabric of the
18 community of the State of Illinois; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution, suitably
20 engrossed, be presented to Andy Aquino Aguera, Director of
21 Community Relations of the National Center of Sex Education and
22 Malu Cano, National Coordinator of Trans Cuba.