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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the accomplishments of Jorge
4 Ramirez, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor and a
5 vice president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress
6 of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and

7 WHEREAS, Jorge Ramirez has served as an officer with the
8 Chicago Federation of Labor since July of 2006 and was elected
9 the CFL's first Latino president in July of 2010; in February
10 of 2015, he was elected to the AFL-CIO Executive Council as a
11 vice president; he is also the Chairman of the Board of
12 Managers for ST Acquisitions Holdings, which purchased the
13 Chicago Sun-Times, the Chicago Reader, straightdope.com, and
14 Answers Media in July of 2017, making him the first Latino
15 chairman of a major media corporation; he is also a board
16 member of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, Jorge Ramirez earned his first union card in 1988
18 through the United Food and Commercial Workers International
19 Union Local 100A, now Local 1546; he worked his way up,
20 ultimately serving as UFCW Local 1546's executive director
21 before joining the CFL; and

22 WHEREAS, Jorge Ramirez serves on executive and advisory

1 boards for labor, civic, and community organizations across the
2 city and around the country, which allows him to represent the
3 interests of labor and protect the fundamental rights of all
4 workers; and

5 WHEREAS, Jorge Ramirez works with the Metropolitan Pier and
6 Exposition Authority, the Chicago Sports Commission, Choose
7 Chicago, and Chicago Infrastructure Trust and Navy Pier, Inc.
8 to bring jobs and expand the region's economy by growing and
9 improving the city's manufacturing, infrastructure, tourism,
10 and trade show opportunities; and

11 WHEREAS, Jorge Ramirez also serves on the boards of the
12 Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, the United Way of Metropolitan
13 Chicago, the Archdiocese of Chicago Office for Immigrant
14 Affairs, the St. Joseph College Seminary, and other civic and
15 community groups; and

16 WHEREAS, Jorge Ramirez graduated from the University of
17 Texas at El Paso with a double major in marketing and computer
18 information systems; he later went on to receive his Juris
19 Doctor from the Chicago-Kent College of Law; he and his wife,
20 Catrina, have four sons; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
22 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

1 recognize the accomplishments of Jorge Ramirez, and wish him
2 success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Jorge Ramirez as a symbol of our respect and
5 esteem.