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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Chicago Marines 4 Foundation on its success in supporting veterans in the 5 Chicagoland area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2013, the Chicago Marines Foundation is a group of veteran, retired, and reserve Marines whose mission is to help Marines and other veterans in need by creating a community that provides a support network, by raising awareness of veterans' issues, and by funding established and vetted veterans' charities; and

WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has a long and distinguished history and prides itself on its traditions; the Marine Corps was founded at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 10, 1775, and it is one of the most important dates in its long and rich history; the birthday of the Marine Corps has been celebrated by Marines around the world in embassies, on fire bases, in ballrooms, and on battlefields; this celebration is a time for Marines, veterans and civilians to come together, re-connect, reflect on service, and continue to plan how to support our veterans and this great nation; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Marines Foundation's signature event

- is a celebration of the Marine Corps birthday; now in its fifth
- 2 year, the celebration is known as the Best Birthday Party in
- 3 Chicago and creates camaraderie and esprit de corps and serves
- 4 as a fundraising platform; over the last four years, the
- 5 foundation has raised over \$65,000 for charities that support
- 6 veteran initiatives; therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 8 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 9 congratulate the Chicago Marines Foundation on its success, and
- 10 we commend its service to veterans in the Chicagoland area, the
- 11 State of Illinois and our nation; and be it further
- 12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to the Chicago Marines Foundation as a symbol of our
- 14 esteem and respect.