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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is deeply enriched by the
3 stories and contributions of immigrant families who, through
4 their courage, resilience, and dedication, embody the values
5 and promise of the American Dream; and

6 WHEREAS, Cruz Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez Ocegueda married
7 in 1949 in their small hometown of San Jose del Valle, Jalisco,
8 Mexico, where they had 11 children; they emigrated with their
9 children to the United States in 1968, seeking opportunity and
10 a brighter future for their family; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon settling in the Melrose Park community, Cruz
12 Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez Ocegueda became foundational
13 members of the community, setting deep roots and contributing
14 greatly to its cultural and economic vitality; and

15 WHEREAS, Through hard work, unwavering determination, and
16 a steadfast belief in the power of education and family, Cruz
17 Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez Ocegueda nurtured an environment
18 in which their children could thrive, instilling in them the
19 values of integrity, service, and perseverance; and

20 WHEREAS, Cruz Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez Ocegueda's nine
21 children, 30 grandchildren, and 52 great-grandchildren,

1 inspired by their parents' sacrifices and guidance, have
2 achieved success in education, careers, and family life,
3 embodying the promise of generational progress; and

4 WHEREAS, Esther Ramirez Ocegueda, in particular, had the
5 profound honor of witnessing her grandchildren achieve
6 remarkable milestones, including educational accomplishments,
7 marriages, flourishing careers, and the historic election of
8 one grandchild as a State Representative in Illinois' 77th
9 district, serving the very community she and her husband
10 helped build; and

11 WHEREAS, The lives of Cruz Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez
12 Ocegueda serve as a powerful testament to the contributions of
13 immigrant families who strengthen the fabric of our society
14 and exemplify the ideals of opportunity and hard work;
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we honor and celebrate the extraordinary lives of Cruz
19 Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez Ocegueda whose journey from their
20 homeland to Melrose Park enriched their community and whose
21 legacy continues to inspire future generations; and be it
22 further

1 RESOLVED, That we hope this resolution serves as an
2 enduring tribute to Cruz Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez
3 Ocegueda's memory, their sacrifices, and the indelible impact
4 they have made on their family and community; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to
6 the family of Cruz Ocegueda and Esther Ramirez Ocegueda as a
7 symbol of our gratitude and respect for their remarkable lives
8 and enduring legacy.