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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Arise Chicago on its 35th
4 anniversary, celebrating three and a half decades of advancing
5 worker rights, dignity, and economic justice since its
6 founding in 1991; and

7 WHEREAS, Arise Chicago was founded by a diverse group of
8 faith leaders committed to addressing systemic poverty and
9 economic injustice in the Chicagoland area, grounded in the
10 belief that all workers deserve dignity and respect in their
11 workplaces; and

12 WHEREAS, As the number of Chicago workers facing harsh and
13 exploitative working conditions increased, Arise Chicago
14 expanded its mission and programming to support workers
15 confronting wage theft, discrimination, harassment, and unsafe
16 labor environments; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2001, Arise Chicago produced the first
18 Workers' Rights Manual with easy-to-read language in Spanish,
19 Polish, and English, outlining Illinois-specific labor
20 protections; it became a model replicated across the country
21 and continues to be provided as a free public resource; and

1 WHEREAS, Shortly after producing its Workers' Rights
2 Manual, Arise Chicago opened a Worker Center that became a
3 vital space for worker education, advocacy, and organizing;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Arise Chicago has partnered with thousands of
6 workers to recover more than \$10,000,000 in stolen wages and
7 compensation and has supported workers in raising their wages
8 by more than \$6,000,000; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the last three and half decades, Arise
10 Chicago has emerged as a pioneering organization and a leader
11 in the faith-labor movement, partnering with religious
12 institutions, labor unions, community organizations, and
13 academic institutions to advocate for systemic policy reforms;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Arise Chicago on the historic occasion of its
18 35th anniversary and commend the organization for its decades
19 of service and leadership on behalf of Chicago's workers; and
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Laura Garza, the executive director of Arise

1 Chicago, as an expression of our appreciation for its enduring
2 commitment to justice and dignity for all workers.