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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend The Selfhelp Home for its
4 contributions and service to the people of the State of
5 Illinois for the past 88 years; and

6 WHEREAS, The Selfhelp Home stands as a living, breathing
7 testament to the human spirit and embodies the character,
8 determination, and fortitude of the founding men and women who
9 organized a volunteer network to care for refugees fleeing
10 Nazism and, later, the rare survivors; and

11 WHEREAS, The Selfhelp Home was established as a response
12 to humanitarian crisis in 1938, providing sanctuary and
13 support for those who had lost everything and sought to
14 rebuild their lives in a new country; and

15 WHEREAS, For over six decades, The Selfhelp Home has
16 served as a pillar of Chicago's Uptown community, enriching
17 the neighborhood's cultural tapestry and demonstrating the
18 profound value of immigrant contributions to the city; and

19 WHEREAS, The Selfhelp Home continues its founding mission
20 by keeping its doors open to support immigrants seeking to
21 work, live, and create fulfilling lives in a new country,

1 honoring its heritage while meeting present-day needs; and

2 WHEREAS, The Selfhelp Home, founded on the principles of
3 compassion, dignity, and respect, thrives as a community where
4 older adults experience the highest quality of life possible;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The dedicated staff and volunteers of The
7 Selfhelp Home exemplify Chicago's values of inclusion,
8 diversity, and care for our elders, creating a warm
9 environment where residents can live with independence and
10 pride; and

11 WHEREAS, The Selfhelp Home's commitment to preserving the
12 Jewish cultural heritage of its residents while fostering
13 intergenerational and intercultural connections strengthens
14 Chicago's social fabric and serves as a model for
15 compassionate elder care; and

16 WHEREAS, The Selfhelp Home, through the vital services it
17 provides, reminds us all of our responsibility to honor our
18 elders and ensure they continue to live with dignity, purpose,
19 and joy; and

20 WHEREAS, On Sunday, April 26, 2026, The Selfhelp Home will
21 host a gala, "A Story Celebrated", to honor its history and

1 raise funds to support a permanent exhibit that preserves the
2 story of the senior living community and the Jewish families
3 fleeing antisemitism that founded it; through photographs,
4 artifacts, a pictorial timeline, and the voices of those who
5 lived it, the exhibit will demonstrate that this history
6 belongs to all of us; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
8 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we commend The Selfhelp Home for its 88 years of contributions
10 and service to the people of the State of Illinois; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to The Selfhelp Home as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.