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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia, a dedicated public
3 servant, community organizer, and administrator, has served
4 the people of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and the United
5 States with distinction throughout his storied career; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia, who was born in Durango, Mexico and
7 arrived in Chicago at the age of nine, has remained
8 steadfastly focused on immigrant access, neighborhood equity,
9 public services, and working-class representation; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia's extensive career in public office
11 includes serving as Chicago Alderperson for the 22nd Ward, an
12 Illinois State Senator, a Cook County Commissioner, and a U.S.
13 Representative; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia was the first Mexican American
15 alderperson of Chicago's Little Village, where he helped
16 strengthen progressive governance, championed immigrant access
17 to city services, and commissioned the iconic Little Village
18 Arch; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia authored the landmark Language
20 Assistance Services Act of 1993 during his time as the first
21 Mexican American Illinois State Senator, making language

1 access in hospitals and long-term care facilities a legal
2 obligation and thereby improving patient safety and setting a
3 precedent for language access as a core public service; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia worked as an administrator for
5 non-profit and philanthropic organizations during his tenure
6 as a public official, notably founding the Little Village
7 Community Development Corporation, now Enlace Chicago, which
8 began as a one-person startup and became a major entity
9 advocating for community schools and providing after-school
10 programs and anti-violence work; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia served as floor leader while on the
12 Cook County Board of Commissioners, successfully pushing for
13 the end of county cooperation with the United States
14 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in a policy that
15 became a national model as well as championing minimum wage
16 increases and paid sick leave; and

17 WHEREAS, As a U.S. Representative, Mr. Garcia was elected
18 Whip of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, appointed vice
19 chair of the Natural Resources Committee, and secured
20 significant federal funding for community projects and
21 statewide infrastructure and public transportation
22 initiatives, continuing his focus on civil rights, economic
23 opportunity, consumer protection, and immigration reform; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Garcia's career has been defined by his
2 ability to identify practical points of vulnerability and
3 address them through consistent, community-based policy
4 throughout his decades of service; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we commend Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia for his lifetime of
8 dedicated public service to the State of Illinois and the
9 nation, commend him for his enduring legacy of strengthening
10 representation for immigrant and working-class communities,
11 and congratulate him on his retirement from public service,
12 effective January 2027; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Mr. Garcia as a symbol of our respect and esteem.