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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to commend Centro San Bonifacio for
4 offering 35 years of remarkable service, leadership, and
5 unwavering commitment to the immigrant community in the City
6 of Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Centro San Bonifacio was founded by local
8 families as an act of community solidarity in 1991, following
9 the closure of the Church of San Bonifacio, with the intention
10 of being led by and for the Latin American immigrant
11 community, ensuring those in frontline positions hold
12 positions of power; and

13 WHEREAS, Centro San Bonifacio has grown from its humble
14 beginnings in a board member's apartment into a
15 self-sustaining pillar of the Northwest side of Chicago,
16 currently operating out of its vibrant home at 2959 North
17 Pulaski Road; and

18 WHEREAS, Centro San Bonifacio's community-run model is
19 anchored by Café Fenix and managed by Cooperativa Fenix, which
20 serves as a gateway to the organization and provides barista
21 training for young adults, embodying the spirit of rising from
22 the ashes following Centro San Bonifacio's reconstitution in

1 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Centro San
3 Bonifacio's community health workers, known as Promotores de
4 Salud, have served as a beacon of hope, utilizing a
5 peer-to-peer model to provide vital health education, social
6 service connections, and emotional support to families
7 navigating new beginnings; and

8 WHEREAS, The Together We Shine program, also known as
9 "Juntos Brillamos", promotes the psychosocial health of the
10 entire family through a broad palette of offerings, including
11 youth development, violence prevention, social-emotional
12 learning, and an arts academy that celebrates Latin American
13 heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, Centro San Bonifacio has remained at the
15 forefront of social justice through its Illinois Welcoming
16 Center and Southern Border Arrivals Assistance Team, providing
17 critical case management, supplies, and Know Your Rights
18 presentations to Chicago's newest neighbors; and

19 WHEREAS, Centro San Bonifacio's 35-year milestone is a
20 testament to the vision, resilience, and trust that the
21 organization has earned by transforming countless lives and
22 strengthening the very fabric of the community; therefore, be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we commend Centro San Bonifacio on 35 years of offering
5 extraordinary service to the immigrant community of Chicago;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we honor the passion of Centro San
8 Bonifacio's leadership, staff, and volunteers, and we wish
9 them continued growth and inspiration in the years ahead; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Centro San Bonifacio as a symbol of our esteem and
13 respect.