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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to congratulate St. Procopius Church on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, St. Procopius Church, located in the historic Pilsen community of Chicago, was founded in 1875 to serve the growing population of Czech immigrants who settled in the area following the Great Chicago Fire; and

WHEREAS, St. Procopius Church, over the past 150 years, has evolved alongside the community, now serving a largely Mexican-American and multicultural congregation while remaining steadfast in its mission of faith, service, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, St. Procopius Church has contributed significantly to the social and spiritual fabric of Chicago by providing education, sacraments, and community outreach, including a longstanding parish school and ministries that have supported thousands of families across generations; and

WHEREAS, St. Procopius Church's current church building, dedicated in 1883 and designed in the Romanesque architectural style, stands as a lasting testament to the faith, sacrifice,

1 and vision of its founders; and

2 WHEREAS, St. Procopius Church has been a center of
3 community life, hosting cultural and religious traditions,
4 celebrations, and events that reflect the rich heritage and
5 unity of its parishioners; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate St.
8 Procopius Church on the 150th anniversary of its founding, and
9 we wish it many more wonderful years; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to St. Procopius Church as a symbol of our respect
12 and esteem.