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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Loyola University Chicago,
4 the only Jesuit Catholic University in the State of Illinois;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago originally opened its
7 doors as St. Ignatius College on September 5, 1870; and

8 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago's School of Law opened
9 in 1908, admitting both women and men; and

10 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of
11 Medicine was founded in 1920; and

12 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago, initially having no
13 home field for its football team, adopted the nickname
14 "Ramblers" for all of its athletic teams in 1926; and

15 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago opened Arrupe College,
16 an innovative two-year college for Chicago-area students with
17 limited financial means, in the fall of 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago additionally includes
19 the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, the

1 Niehoff School of Nursing, the Quinlan School of Business, the
2 College of Arts & Sciences, and the Schools of Education,
3 Social Work, and Communications; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, Loyola University Chicago enrolls more
5 than 17,000 students seeking undergraduate, graduate, and
6 professional degrees, with 42% of its study body being
7 students of color and 98% of its undergraduate students
8 receiving grants and/or scholarships; and

9 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago had 2,418 students
10 receive a Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) grant in 2023,
11 more than one-half of all Illinois undergraduates attending
12 the university; and

13 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago inaugurated Mark C.
14 Reed, Ed.D., as its 25th president on November 3, 2022; and

15 WHEREAS, President Dr. Reed has been a distinguished
16 leader and educator at Jesuit institutions for more than 20
17 years, previously serving as president of St. Joseph's
18 University in Pennsylvania for seven years and holding several
19 leadership positions at Fairfield University in Connecticut
20 for 15 years; and

21 WHEREAS, President Dr. Reed is a student-centered leader

1 committed to being an active participant in the academic,
2 spiritual, and social life of Loyola University Chicago; and

3 WHEREAS, President Dr. Reed serves as chair of the Council
4 of Presidents for the Atlantic 10 Conference, which Loyola
5 University Chicago joined in July 2022; he also serves on the
6 boards of the American Council on Education, the Association
7 of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and the Association of
8 Jesuit Colleges and Universities; and

9 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago will celebrate its
10 153rd anniversary in September 2023; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize Loyola University Chicago, the only Jesuit
14 Catholic University in the State of Illinois; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the President of Loyola University Chicago, Mark
18 C. Reed, Ed.D., as an expression of our esteem and respect.