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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 WHEREAS, Since 1915, the Chinese Christian Union Church 3 (CCUC) has worked to provide services to Chinese immigrants in 4 Chicago's Chinatown community; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1993, the CCUC purchased the former building 6 of the On Leong Merchants Association, Chinatown's only 7 historic landmark building, in order to house the delivery of 8 its community services and preserve a historic structure; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, the CCUC founded the Pui Tak Center, as the building is now known, to house its community service initiatives which today serve more than 3,000 individuals each year who live in Chicago's Chinatown and surrounding communities through English as a Second Language (ESL) and citizenship classes for new immigrants, after-school classes for kids, disability services, adult computer classes, and a variety of other services for immigrants; and

WHEREAS, The Pui Tak Center has served as an official Illinois Welcoming Center since 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Pui Tak Center is the third largest community-based adult education provider in Illinois, offering state-funded adult education programs since 1999; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The Pui Tak Center has positively impacted many
- 2 Chinese immigrants throughout the State and should be
- 3 immensely proud of its accomplishments; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Pui Tak Center's programs are driven by a
- 5 belief in the importance of serving others; therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
- 7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- 8 we congratulate the Pui Tak Center on its 30th anniversary,
- 9 and we commend its longtime service as a home for community
- 10 empowerment; and be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 12 presented to the Pui Tak Center as a symbol of our respect and
- 13 esteem.