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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Centre will celebrate 100
3 years of service at its annual Humanitarian Award Dinner on
4 Friday, October 7, 2005; the theme for the dinner is
5 "Celebrating a Century of Preparing People for Life"; and

6 WHEREAS, The organization will present special awards in
7 the categories of community partner, corporate, government,
8 and humanitarian to recognize those who have been committed to
9 providing the support that is needed for the continued success
10 of the 100-year old agency; this year's honorees include the
11 Angelo Geocaris Family (Humanitarian Award), the Walgreen
12 Company (the Jenkin Lloyd Jones Corporate Award), the Horace
13 Mann Ambridge Neighborhood Improvement Organization (the
14 Cordell Reed Community Partnership Award), and Alderman Toni
15 Preckwinkle, 4th Ward (The Angelo Geocaris Government Award);
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Abraham Lincoln Centre (ALC) was founded in
18 1905 as an outreach ministry of the All Souls Unitarian Church;
19 during the early years, agency activities were focused on the
20 masses of European immigrants who had settled in the area; the
21 agency became a facility that conducted classes to teach
22 American customs, the English language, and a meeting place to
23 visit with fellow countrymen; and

24 WHEREAS, In 2005, as the ALC celebrates 100 years of
25 service to Chicago's south side communities and residents, the
26 communities are changing; major redevelopment activities are
27 relocating long-time residents from the area and bringing an
28 influx of new residents; the agency is planning now in order to
29 be instrumental in empowering both the newly arriving and
30 remaining residents with skills to improve their well-being,
31 thereby fulfilling its mission "To serve Chicago's greater
32 south side communities by assisting the residents in their

1 effort to be self-sufficient and to live healthy, productive
2 lives"; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate the Abraham Lincoln Centre on 100 years of
6 addressing the needs of low-income, disadvantaged individuals
7 and families on Chicago's South Side; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the Abraham Lincoln Centre as an expression of our
10 respect and esteem.