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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Rey B. Gonzalez on  
4 the occasion of his retirement from the Commonwealth Edison  
5 Company and his new position as the President and Chief  
6 Executive Officer of El Valor; and

7           WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez served for 16 years with the  
8 Commonwealth Edison Company as the Public Affairs Director,  
9 where he gained extensive experience in human relations,  
10 community, government, and media relations; while serving in  
11 this role at ComEd, he spearheaded public relations efforts and  
12 corporate contributions programs and was a founding member of  
13 ComEd's Diversity Initiative; and

14           WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez then joined the McDonald's  
15 Corporation in 1998, where he served as Vice-President of  
16 Diversity; in that role, his primary responsibilities included  
17 the management and development of national external diversity  
18 partnerships, including those relating to philanthropy and  
19 employment; and

20           WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez then joined the Exelon Corporation in  
21 2002 as the Vice-President of Corporate Diversity, where he was  
22 responsible for strengthening corporate diversity programs,

1 maximizing supplier/vendor relationships, diversity recruiting  
2 and outreach, and strengthening partnerships with internal and  
3 external organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez was appointed as Vice-President of  
5 Legislative and Community Affairs at ComEd in August 2006; in  
6 that role, he was also involved with Exelon's national external  
7 diversity initiatives, including efforts to assist in building  
8 and strengthening relationships with the diversity suppliers  
9 and community organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, On September 18, 2013, Rey Gonzalez announced his  
11 retirement from ComEd after many years of valuable service and  
12 important contributions; and

13 WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez has a long history of volunteer  
14 community involvement as the chair of both the United States  
15 Hispanic Leadership Institute and El Valor as well as a board  
16 member of the Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation and the  
17 Puerto Rican Arts Alliance; and

18 WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez has received numerous honors and  
19 awards for his community involvement, including the Jefferson  
20 Award for volunteerism from NBC Channel 5 in Chicago, the  
21 Caesar Chavez Community Service Award from the United States  
22 Hispanic Leadership Institute, the Leadership Award from the

1 Hispanic Association on Career Enhancement, and the Pepsi-Cola  
2 Hispanic Community Leadership Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor's State University has instituted the  
4 Rey B. Gonzalez Scholarship Fund in his honor, and El Valor has  
5 named a multi-million dollar facility the Rey B. Gonzalez  
6 Children and Family Center in recognition of his long-term  
7 commitment to the organization; and

8 WHEREAS, El Valor's mission is to support and challenge  
9 urban families to achieve excellence and participate fully in  
10 community life through programs that exist to enrich and  
11 empower people with disabilities, the disenfranchised and the  
12 underserved; it is one of the country's largest Latino-serving  
13 community-based organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, After serving as the chair of El Valor's Board of  
15 Directors for 30 years, the Board of Directors has recently  
16 named Rey Gonzalez as the President and Chief Executive Officer  
17 of El Valor; and

18 WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez shares this honor with his wife,  
19 Hilda, and their 4 children; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that

1 we congratulate Rey Gonzalez on his retirement from  
2 Commonwealth Edison Company and wish him all the best in his  
3 new position as the President and Chief Executive Officer of El  
4 Valor; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
6 presented to Rey Gonzalez as an expression of our esteem and  
7 respect.