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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is in keeping with time-honored traditions to  
3 recognize and applaud events which foster ethnic pride and  
4 exemplify the cultural diversity which represents and  
5 strengthens the fabric of the communities of the State of  
6 Illinois; and

7 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican People's Parade affirms the  
8 culture, identity, and self-esteem of a people; it celebrates a  
9 rich heritage and exemplifies Puerto Rican/Latin/a history and  
10 tradition, as well as the spirit of an indomitable people; and

11 WHEREAS, The 39th Puerto Rican People's Parade will be held  
12 on June 17, 2017 to recognize the contributions of Puerto Rican  
13 culture, as well as the thousands of Puerto Ricans around the  
14 State and nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Established to develop national awareness and  
16 greater appreciation of Puerto Rican culture, the Puerto Rican  
17 People's Parade is a tribute to the unique Puerto Rican  
18 heritage and ethnicity and the role its people play in American  
19 society; and

20 WHEREAS, This year the Parade is dedicated to "El Retorno  
21 Del Patriota a Su Barrio, Celebrando 50 Anos Forjando Comunidad

1 y Forjando Patria"; and

2 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2017, the National Puerto Rican Parade  
3 in New York City will honor Patriot Oscar Lopez Rivera with the  
4 Hero Award; and

5 WHEREAS, Oscar Lopez Rivera, Puerto Rico's National Hero,  
6 will finally walk among the community; as grand marshal for  
7 this year's parade, he was a pioneer, along with Don Omar as  
8 honored special guest, and Andy Montanez; and

9 WHEREAS, Oscar Lopez Rivera represents a symbol of hope to  
10 Puerto Ricans everywhere in the world, inclusive of the  
11 departed Jonathan Rivera Lizardi, Oscar Lopez Rivera's biggest  
12 fan; and

13 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Inc., through a  
14 series of cultural events, including musical productions,  
15 plays and art exhibits throughout the United States, and  
16 culminating in the Puerto Rican People's Parade on June 17,  
17 2017, champions the study, improvement, and advancement of  
18 Puerto Rican culture and the arts; and

19 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Inc. is  
20 dedicated to preserving, promoting, and encouraging a true  
21 understanding and greater appreciation of the spirit and

1 largess of the Puerto Rican people; therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 recognize with appreciation and anticipation, the worthy  
5 purpose and promising vision of the 39th Puerto Rican People's  
6 Parade which fosters ethnic pride and enhances the profile of  
7 cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the State of  
8 Illinois; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
10 Jose E. Lopez, Executive Director of The Puerto Rican Cultural  
11 Center Juan Antonio Corretjer, Inc.