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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; and

2 WHEREAS, Now in his 12th term, Congressman Luis V.
3 Gutierrez is the senior member of the Illinois delegation in
4 the United States House of Representatives; he is an
5 experienced legislator and energetic spokesman on behalf of his
6 constituents in Illinois' Fourth District in the heart of
7 Chicago, who first elected him to his seat in 1992; and

8 WHEREAS, Rep. Gutierrez is nationally recognized for his
9 tireless leadership championing issues of particular
10 importance to Latino and immigrant communities; he has been at
11 the center of every major legislative debate on immigration
12 reform and immigration issues for more than a dozen years; and

13 WHEREAS, The Puerto Rican People's Parade honors his 30th
14 year in public service; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 recognize with appreciation and anticipation, the worthy
18 purpose and promising vision of the 39th Puerto Rican People's
19 Parade which fosters ethnic pride and enhances the profile of
20 cultural diversity which strengthens the fabric of the State of
21 Illinois; and be it further

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