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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Berwyn Development Corporation membership selects an individual who best exemplifies the spirit of one of Berwyn's original developers, Charles E. Piper; and

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WHEREAS, The Berwyn Development Corporation recently awarded Eduardo "Eddie" Garcia with the Charles E. Piper Award to honor his achievements and contributions towards the growth and development of Berwyn's business community; and

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WHEREAS, Eddie Garcia was born in Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico and is a graduate of St. Joseph High School; he is a first generation Mexican-American born to proud immigrant parents, Florencia Rosas and Aristeo E. Garcia; the Garcia family migrated from Mexico City to the United States in 1989 when Eddie was only five years old; and

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WHEREAS, A strong work ethic was instilled in Eddie Garcia by his parents at an early age, beginning with his first job at the age of nine; at 21, he attained his real estate license; he sold his first property six months later and fell in love with the real estate business; in 2012, he founded Realty of Chicago, signing his first agent without an office and from his truck at a time when the market was deteriorating; in 2017, Realty of Chicago closed \$126 million in sales and has grown to

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1 over 80 agents with three offices located throughout the
2 Chicagoland area; and

3 WHEREAS, Eddie Garcia's core beliefs all share the idea of
4 the community as a focal point; he believes that "Building a
5 successful company is great, but building a successful company
6 that can give back is even greater."; and

7 WHEREAS, Each year, Eddie Garcia and Realty of Chicago give
8 back to the communities of Berwyn and Cicero, providing
9 thousands of children with backpacks and school supplies,
10 feeding over 15,000 people on Thanksgiving Day, and providing
11 scholarships to high school graduates; he is proud to announce
12 that in 2018, Realty of Chicago will be expanding their
13 community programs to all of their offices throughout the
14 Chicagoland area; 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 congratulate Eddie Garcia as on receiving the 33rd Annual
18 Charles E. Piper Award, and look forward to many more years of
19 his continued success and contributions to the Berwyn
20 community; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Eddie Garcia as a symbol of our respect and

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