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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly (CLESE) on the occasion of its 30th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Founded in 1989, CLESE is a membership organization with the mission of serving immigrant and refugee older adults of all races and ethnicities; it aims to improve the lives of limited-English-speaking older adults by providing leadership, education, and advocacy; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois is home to over 250,000 individuals 60 years and older, who were born outside of the United States; the only way most limited-English-speaking elderly receive the services for which they are eligible is through a provider who speaks their language and, more importantly, understands their culture; and

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WHEREAS, CLESE speaks over 100 languages and dialects and represents 51 ethno-linguistic member organizations that serve minority communities in the State; and

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WHEREAS, Over 15,000 limited-English speaking elderly, one-sixth of the State's total clients, receive Community Care

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1 Program Services from CLESE member organizations; and

2 WHEREAS, CLESE has won many awards, including the Brookdale
3 Award for its pioneering work in developing home care training
4 material and in serving ethnic clients with ethnic home care
5 workers, the Innovations in Caregiving Award from the National
6 Council on Aging, the Healthcare Aging Award and the NOMA Award
7 for Excellence in Multicultural Aging from the American Society
8 on Aging, the John Feather Diversity Award from the Grantmakers
9 in Aging, and the John A. Hartford 2018 Business Innovation
10 award from the Business and Disability Institute; therefore, be
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12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we congratulate the Coalition of Limited English Speaking
15 Elderly on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and commend its
16 dedication to increasing awareness of the needs, rights, and
17 unique contributions of limited-English-speaking older adults
18 and the community-based ethnic agencies that serve them; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Marta Pereyra, Executive Director of CLESE, as an
22 expression of our esteem and respect.