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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to recognize Loyola University Chicago, the only Jesuit Catholic University in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago originally opened its doors as St. Ignatius College on September 5, 1870; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago's School of Law opened in 1908, admitting both women and men; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine was founded in 1920; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago, initially having no home field for its football team, adopted the nickname "Ramblers" for all of its athletic teams in 1926; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago opened Arrupe College, an innovative two-year college for Chicago-area students with limited financial means, in the fall of 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago additionally includes the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, the Niehoff School of Nursing, the Quinlan School of Business, the

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1 College of Arts & Sciences, and the Schools of Education,
2 Social Work, and Communications; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Loyola University Chicago enrolls more
4 than 17,000 students seeking undergraduate, graduate, and
5 professional degrees, with 42% of its study body being
6 students of color and 98% of its undergraduate students
7 receiving grants and/or scholarships; and

8 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago had 2,418 students
9 receive a Monetary Assistance Program (MAP) grant in 2023,
10 more than one-half of all Illinois undergraduates attending
11 the university; and

12 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago inaugurated Mark C.
13 Reed, Ed.D., as its 25th president on November 3, 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, President Dr. Reed has been a distinguished
15 leader and educator at Jesuit institutions for more than 20
16 years, previously serving as president of St. Joseph's
17 University in Pennsylvania for seven years and holding several
18 leadership positions at Fairfield University in Connecticut
19 for 15 years; and

20 WHEREAS, President Dr. Reed is a student-centered leader
21 committed to being an active participant in the academic,

1 spiritual, and social life of Loyola University Chicago; and

2 WHEREAS, President Dr. Reed serves as chair of the Council
3 of Presidents for the Atlantic 10 Conference, which Loyola
4 University Chicago joined in July 2022; he also serves on the
5 boards of the American Council on Education, the Association
6 of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and the Association of
7 Jesuit Colleges and Universities; and

8 WHEREAS, Loyola University Chicago will celebrate its
9 153rd anniversary in September 2023; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Loyola
12 University Chicago, the only Jesuit Catholic University in the
13 State of Illinois; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the President of Loyola University Chicago, Mark
16 C. Reed, Ed.D., as an expression of our esteem and respect.