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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend the Quad County Urban League  
4 (QCUL) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, QCUL, founded in 1975, serves DuPage, Kane,  
6 Kendall, and Will counties from its headquarters in Aurora,  
7 expanding equitable access to education, workforce  
8 opportunity, and civic participation across the region; and

9 WHEREAS, QCUL has advanced social and economic equality by  
10 removing barriers to opportunity and empowering individuals  
11 and families through education, workforce development, and  
12 community engagement; and

13 WHEREAS, As an affiliate of the National Urban League,  
14 QCUL has upheld a national standard of excellence while  
15 tailoring programs to local needs; and

16 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of President and CEO Theodia  
17 Gillespie, QCUL has provided transformative programs that  
18 uplift youth, strengthen families, and build stronger  
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, QCUL's signature initiatives, including Nicor

1 Career Academy, ComEd Academy, YouthBuild, the Illinois Works  
2 Pre-Apprenticeship Program, and Health Navigation/Get Covered  
3 Illinois, have delivered mentoring, academic support,  
4 industry-recognized training, and pathways to high-quality  
5 employment and apprenticeship; and

6 WHEREAS, QCUL's partnerships with East Aurora School  
7 District 131, regional school districts, employers, and  
8 community organizations have expanded opportunities through  
9 site visits, credentialing, internships, and placement  
10 pipelines; and

11 WHEREAS, QCUL's impact has been reflected in industry  
12 credentials earned, job placements obtained across  
13 construction, healthcare, logistics, and other sectors,  
14 assistance offered to small businesses, and comprehensive  
15 support provided to students; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 25, 2025, QCUL celebrated 50 years of  
17 impact and unyielding strength at its Annual Equality Gala;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we commend the Quad County Urban League (QCUL) on achieving 50  
22 years of positive and impactful community development in

1 service of its mission to empower individuals and strengthen  
2 communities; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to  
4 QCUL as a symbol of our respect and esteem.