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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago (RTAC) on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1926, RTAC has maintained its mission of protecting retired Chicago Public School (CPS) retirees' pensions and ancillary benefits, including access to high quality health insurance through the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 1972, RTAC secured representation on the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) with a retiree trustee, and the pioneer of that position, Edna Fanning, also served as president of the association; today, there are three retiree trustees serving on the CTPF; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, RTAC used a legacy gift from Ferol Potter, a former association president, to establish the Chicago Retired Teachers Aid Fund, which provides financial assistance to retired CPS educators with modest pensions; and

WHEREAS, In the early 2000s, RTAC established an internet website to provide timely e-alerts to its members in order to

1 foster legislative advocacy and address other significant
2 matters of concern regarding the well-being of retired CPS
3 educators; and

4 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2013, RTAC began offering
5 complimentary seminars for its members in the spring and fall
6 regarding taxation, health, legal issues, and other areas of
7 concern to retired CPS educators; and

8 WHEREAS, RTAC is also a proud charter member of the
9 National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA), which
10 successfully lobbied to secure the 1968 anti-age
11 discrimination legislation as well as to reverse the Windfall
12 Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset
13 (GPO) Social Security limitations imposed on public agency
14 retirees in 2025; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout its existence, RTAC has continued to
16 advocate on behalf of retired CPS educators; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we congratulate the Retired Teachers Association of Chicago
20 (RTAC) on achieving 100 years of service to retired Chicago
21 Public School (CPS) educators.