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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Banner Wholesale Grocers is celebrating its
3 historic 100th anniversary in 2026, marking a century of
4 continuous operation as a premier wholesale distributor and a
5 pillar of the Chicago business community; and

6 WHEREAS, Founded in 1926 by Ben Friedman as a modest
7 dried-goods shop, Banner Wholesale Grocers has successfully
8 navigated a century of change through four generations of
9 family leadership, demonstrating remarkable resilience and
10 adaptability; and

11 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Albert Friedman and
12 Irving Saltzman in 1950, the company built a stronger
13 wholesale foundation, and in 1968, Richard Saltzman guided a
14 visionary transition toward the Hispanic food market,
15 establishing Banner Wholesale Grocers as a trusted distributor
16 for multicultural retailers; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, under the fourth-generation leadership of
18 Ryan Saltzman, the company has modernized its operations to
19 manage over 6,000 stockkeeping units (SKUs), supporting
20 independent neighborhood grocers and small businesses
21 throughout Chicago and across the midwest; and

1 WHEREAS, Banner Wholesale Grocers has remained committed
2 to the principles of quality, affordability, and exceptional
3 service, playing a vital role in the cultural and economic
4 vitality of the communities it serves; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we declare June 13, 2026 as Banner Wholesale Day in the State
8 of Illinois in recognition of the company's deep roots and
9 lasting impact on the City of Chicago and the State's grocery
10 industry; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we congratulate the Saltzman family and the
12 entire team at Banner Wholesale Grocers on the occasion of its
13 100th Anniversary and commend them for their century of
14 service to the people of Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the leadership of Banner Wholesale Grocers as a
17 symbol of our respect and esteem for their historic milestone.