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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Latino Unity Day, celebrated in Springfield on
3 May 5, 2026, is an annual gathering centered on advocacy,
4 empowerment, and unity within the Latino community; and

5 WHEREAS, Latino communities have long celebrated both
6 large and small accomplishments, recognizing that many of our
7 families have had to overcome significant barriers in pursuit
8 of opportunity; and

9 WHEREAS, We are taught to appreciate those who extend
10 their hands to help others and to recognize the importance of
11 community support in overcoming hardship; and

12 WHEREAS, It is important for elected officials,
13 legislators, and community leaders to uplift our heritage and
14 sacrifices of those who came before us; and

15 WHEREAS, Latino leaders in government have a
16 responsibility to use their voices and positions to advocate
17 for their communities, their histories, and their lived
18 experiences, especially while representation remains limited;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In recent months, communities across Illinois

1 have experienced fear and uncertainty that have deeply
2 affected families, neighborhoods, and children; and

3 WHEREAS, Rapid responders across Illinois have stepped
4 forward to protect vulnerable immigrant families, aiding them
5 in urgent situations with bravery; and

6 WHEREAS, Despite our differences, communities continue to
7 come together to defend hardworking families striving for
8 safety, stability, and the opportunity to pursue the American
9 Dream; and

10 WHEREAS, Many immigrant families continue to face barriers
11 in achieving that dream; and

12 WHEREAS, Rapid responders continue to provide hope and
13 inspiration, reminding us that the future can be strengthened
14 through humanity, unity, and collective action; and

15 WHEREAS, In times of fear and injustice, communities can
16 come together, set aside differences, and stand united in
17 defense of dignity and human rights; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize the rapid

1 responders of Illinois for their dedication, courage, and
2 unwavering commitment to protecting and uplifting communities;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we acknowledge the vital role rapid
5 responders play in supporting immigrant families, promoting
6 safety and awareness, and strengthening unity across all
7 communities.