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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Professor Jose E. Lopez  
4 for his tireless pursuit of social justice spanning five  
5 decades; and

6           WHEREAS, Professor Lopez, Executive Director of the Puerto  
7 Rican Cultural Center Juan Antonio Corretjer, has been a  
8 critical voice for the empowerment of Puerto Rican and Latino  
9 communities throughout Illinois and Puerto Rico; and

10           WHEREAS, Professor Lopez has created and led innovative  
11 community initiatives that uplift the dignity and the material  
12 lives of Puerto Rican/Latinos in Chicago; and

13           WHEREAS, Professor Lopez was the intellectual author and  
14 the relentless force that developed the Paseo Boricua, which  
15 was transformed into a successful economic corridor and the  
16 most widely recognized Puerto Rican neighborhood in the  
17 Midwest; and

18           WHEREAS, Professor Lopez created and continues to sustain  
19 programs that promote healthy living, access to fresh produce,  
20 mental health awareness, affordable housing, employment, and  
21 entrepreneurialism in one of the most economically

1       disadvantaged communities of Illinois; and

2               WHEREAS, Professor Lopez continues to mentor countless  
3       young Latinos whom he inspires to become our next generation of  
4       leaders; and

5               WHEREAS, Professor Lopez, in his classes and through his  
6       community leadership, has been singularly indispensable in the  
7       preservation of the cultural heritage of the Puerto Rican  
8       people, which in turn enriches the magnificent tapestry that is  
9       the proud multicultural landscape of Illinois; therefore, be it

10              RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11       HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12       commend Professor Jose E. Lopez for his selfless dedication to  
13       the noble pursuit of social justice and to the championing of  
14       the culture and heritage of the dynamic Puerto Rican people of  
15       Illinois; and be it further

16              RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17       presented to Professor Lopez as a symbol of our respect and  
18       esteem.