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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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Illinois 2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Little Village 4 Chamber of Commerce on receiving the United States Hispanic 5 Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) Chamber of the Year Award during 6 the 2018 USHCC National Convention in Philadelphia, 7 Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, Little Village is a thriving commercial area on 9 Chicago's West Side with more than 1,000 businesses that offer 10 a vast array of goods and services, in addition to creating 11 jobs for thousands of residents; and

WHEREAS, Little Village is home to the largest Mexican community in the midwest, a fact reflected by the many unique Mexican specialty products available from merchants in the area; and

WHEREAS, The Little Village Chamber of Commerce has represented the interests of local businesses for over 30 years; its mission is to promote and support the growth and success of businesses in Little Village and to leverage the community's unique cultural identity to generate new opportunities; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Little Village Chamber of Commerce works 2 closely with business and community leaders, government 3 agencies, law enforcement, corporate partners, elected 4 officials, and others to address the issues that affect the

5 community and the commercial area; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the Little Village Chamber of Commerce participated in the USHCC Local Chamber Grant Program to fund an entrepreneurship program known as Juntos Emprendemos, which helped 75 small businesses in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Because of the Little Village Chamber of Commerce's commitment to its community, small businesses benefit from access to capital, information, and networks in order to thrive and expand their businesses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the dedication and leadership of the Little Village Chamber of Commerce on receiving the United States Chamber of Commerce Chamber of the Year Award during the 2018 USHCC National Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Little Village Chamber of Commerce be recognized for their major accomplishments in the areas of business economic development, procurement, and access to

- 1 capital, including their commitment to the Hispanic business
- 2 community; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 4 presented to the Little Village Chamber of Commerce as a symbol
- 5 of our respect and esteem.