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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Harold's Chicken, a successful Black-owned business, on the occasion of their 70th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, Harold's Chicken is one of Chicago's oldest Black-owned restaurants; and

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WHEREAS, Harold's Chicken was founded by entrepreneur Harold Pierce when he opened a small restaurant with his wife, Hilda, on 39th Street called H&H in 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Harold's Chicken became one of the few examples of a thriving fast food chain that was owned by, and primarily served, the Black community; and

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WHEREAS, Harold's Chicken is known for serving freshly fried chicken, a chain-wide policy initiated by Harold Pierce, and cooking their fried chicken in a mix of half beef tallow and half vegetable oil, which produces a taste similar to the traditional home-cooked fried chicken that was invented in the American South; and

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WHEREAS, Harold's Chicken has expanded to 45 locations

1 today, with 26 locations in Illinois alone; they have
2 additional locations in Arizona, California, Georgia, Indiana,
3 and Nevada, with plans to further expand to Charlotte, North
4 Carolina, St. Louis, Missouri, Houston, Texas, and Las Vegas,
5 Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, Harold's Chicken is now overseen by CEO Kristen
7 Pierce, Harold Pierce's daughter; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Harold's Chicken on their 70th anniversary and
11 wish them continued success; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Harold's Chicken CEO Kristen Pierce as an
14 expression of our esteem and respect.