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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Rey B. Gonzalez on 40 years of service at El Valor; and

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WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez retired as Vice President for Legislative and Community Affairs at ComEd in 2013 and became President and Chief Executive Officer of El Valor; prior to this, he was the Chairman of El Valor's Board of Directors for 31 years; he joined El Valor when it was just a neighborhood organization operating from a small building in need of repair; and

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WHEREAS, Through Rey Gonzalez's leadership, El Valor has flourished and has become the first bilingual, bicultural rehabilitation center in the State of Illinois; El Valor now serves over 4,000 children, adults, and their families and is the 2nd largest provider of early childhood education in the State of Illinois and a premier facility for adults with disabilities focusing on increasing inclusion and gaining independence; and

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WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez has been a tireless advocate for social justice; and

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1 WHEREAS, Rey Gonzalez has supported and improved the lives
2 of tens of thousands of children, individuals with
3 disabilities, and their families; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Rey B. Gonzalez on 40 years of service at El
7 Valor; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Rey Gonzalez as a symbol of our respect and
10 esteem.