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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Raul I. Raymundo on the
4 occasion of being named a 2024 Lincoln Laureate of the Order of
5 Lincoln; and

6 WHEREAS, Established in 1964, the Order of Lincoln is the
7 State's highest civilian honor for professional achievement
8 and public service, honoring Illinois residents whose work
9 uplifts every community in the State; and

10 WHEREAS, Raul I. Raymundo, an immigrant born in Mexico and
11 raised in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, has long
12 understood the challenges and strengths of working-class and
13 immigrant families; through his financial acumen and
14 leadership, he has been instrumental in revitalizing the
15 Pilsen neighborhood through his work as CEO and co-founder of
16 The Resurrection Project (TRP), a nonprofit organization that
17 has aimed to build wealth in the neighborhood through
18 connecting residents with low-interest loans and building
19 affordable housing units since its inception in 1990; and

20 WHEREAS, Raul Raymundo earned his Bachelor of Arts from
21 Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota in 1988 before
22 returning to the Pilsen neighborhood, where he co-founded the

1 TRP with a seed capital of \$30,000 from six Chicago-area
2 parishes in 1990; and

3 WHEREAS, Under Raul Raymundo's leadership, the TRP has
4 leveraged its initial funds into more than \$800 million in
5 community investments, positively benefiting countless
6 individuals throughout the western suburbs and the city's
7 southwest side through the development of more than 1,000
8 units of affordable housing in addition to immigration legal
9 clinics, early childhood centers, senior satellite centers,
10 community resource centers, and a charter school serving
11 thousands of families; through his guidance, the nonprofit has
12 become one of the region's most creative and effective social
13 impact organizations today; and

14 WHEREAS, Raul Raymundo remains an active civic leader and
15 mentor, co-founding several local and national organizations
16 and serving as a trustee for his alma mater, Carleton College;
17 he has given his time to several organizations and boards,
18 often in leadership positions, including the American Business
19 Immigration Coalition (ABIC), the Illinois Justice Project,
20 Illinois Latino Agenda, the National Association of Latino
21 Community Asset Builders (NALCAB), the St. Anthony Hospital
22 Ministry Board, Start Early, and United Power for Action and
23 Justice; he has also served on the advisory boards of several
24 financial institutions, including BMO, CIBC, Fifth Third Bank,

1 Huntington Bank, and local divisions of Self-Help Federal
2 Credit Union; and

3 WHEREAS, Raul Raymundo and his fellow 2024 Lincoln
4 Laureates join more than 350 distinguished Illinois residents
5 of the Order of Lincoln since its inception, and they will be
6 honored at the 60th annual Convocation and Investiture at the
7 Chicago History Museum on April 13, 2024; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Raul I. Raymundo on being named a 2024 Lincoln
11 Laureate of the Order of Lincoln, and we recognize his service
12 and dedication to the residents of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to Raul Raymundo as an expression of our esteem and
15 respect.