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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the volunteers,
4 staff, and patrons of the Irish American Heritage Center in
5 Chicago on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Center;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, On April 18, 1985, the purchase of the building
8 located at 4626 N. Knox Avenue in Chicago, was completed; the
9 building had, at one time, been a grammar school and Mayfair
10 Junior College; and

11 WHEREAS, The April 18th date coincided with the anniversary
12 of the midnight ride of Paul Revere, a warning to American
13 colonists that "the British are coming"; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the last 25 years, the Center has become home
15 to an Art Gallery, a Library, a Museum, and two Theatres; the
16 Center is home to additional rooms that are available for
17 larger events, including the Fifth Province and the Erin
18 Ballroom; and

19 WHEREAS, The building underwent extensive repairs and
20 restoration with the help of Hugh O'Hara and the Shamrock
21 American Club, and the Irish Fellowship Club members under

1 Martin J. Healy; and

2 WHEREAS, The success of the Center illustrates the Irish
3 proverb "There is not strength until we work together";
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate everyone involved in the Irish American Heritage
8 Center and wish them the best for the future; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Tim McDonnell, Executive Director of the Irish
11 American Heritage Center, as a symbol of our respect and
12 esteem.