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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On October 15, 2012, the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus will mark the beginning of the 30th Anniversary Season with a celebration at the Center on Halsted; and

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WHEREAS, The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus has been an integral part of Chicago's cultural and gay communities since 1983; and

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WHEREAS, 30 years later, the Chorus is still attracting over 175 men and women of all ages, ethnicities, and sexual orientations to perform; and

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WHEREAS, For the last 2 decades, CGMC have entertained audiences across the continent with innovative musical programming exploring everything from love to politics to the sometimes fabulous, sometimes challenging world of being gay - often all at the same time; and

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WHEREAS, The Chorus always has memorable performances which have included original musical revues, 4 popular productions celebrating the Sidetrack show tune experience, full-length book musicals like The Wizard of Oz, The Mikado, and H.M.S. Pinafore, and traditional choral concerts - all punctuated with joyous irreverence; and

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1 WHEREAS, CGMC has traveled extensively across North
2 America, representing Chicago in cities including Montreal,
3 New York, Los Angeles, and New Orleans; and

4 WHEREAS, By inviting choruses from across the United States
5 and Europe to sing with them here in Chicago, the Chorus has
6 hosted many talented musical groups; and

7 WHEREAS, Recently, the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus was
8 induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, With more than 150 singing members backed by a
10 small army of volunteers, the CGMC family covers a diverse
11 cross-section of the Chicago metropolitan area; and

12 WHEREAS, Under the visionary guidance and inspired
13 direction of Artistic Director Patrick Sinozich, the Chorus
14 delivers a distinctive brand of entertainment that keeps their
15 audience coming back again and again; and

16 WHEREAS, Chicago Gay Men's Chorus members log thousands of
17 hours annually to accomplish an ambitious schedule of
18 performances, fund-raisers, and charitable appearances;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we congratulate the members of the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus on
3 the occasion of the group's 30th anniversary and wish them
4 continued success and happiness in the future; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus as a symbol of our
8 esteem and respect.