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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Cabrini Green
4 Legal Aid on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of its
5 founding; and

6 WHEREAS, Cabrini Green Legal Aid was founded in 1973 by
7 Chuck Hogren with funding from Tyndale House Publishers; the
8 funding was obtained by Bill Leslie, the pastor of the LaSalle
9 Street Church; for 24 years, Chuck Hogren served as Cabrini
10 Green Legal Aid's Executive Director; and

11 WHEREAS, Cabrini Green Legal Aid first operated as a
12 general purpose law firm for the residents of the Chicago
13 Housing Authority's Cabrini-Green housing project, providing
14 representation that ranged from advocating for tenants' rights
15 to finding alternatives to gangs for Cabrini-Green youth; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1996, when the Chicago Housing Authority began
17 to demolish the Cabrini-Green housing project, Cabrini Green
18 Legal Aid expanded its mission to encompass the entire City of
19 Chicago, specializing in 3 under-served practice areas:
20 housing, family law, and criminal defense; and

21 WHEREAS, With the modernization of Illinois' Expungement

1 laws in 2003, Cabrini Green Legal Aid started its Criminal
2 Records Program, one of the State's first efforts to help
3 individuals expunge or seal their arrest or conviction records;
4 Cabrini Green Legal Aid opened its Expungement Help Desk at the
5 Daley Center in 2005, which now serves more than 4,000
6 individuals annually; and

7 WHEREAS, In response to the ever-growing need for legal
8 services, Cabrini Green Legal Aid launched the Client Support
9 Services Program in 2006 to help integrate professional legal
10 and social services to enhance legal outcomes and expand its
11 impact beyond crisis support; and

12 WHEREAS, A celebration of Cabrini Green Legal Aid's 40th
13 anniversary will be held September 26, 2013, at Union Station
14 in Chicago; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we congratulate Cabrini Green Legal Aid on the 40th anniversary
18 of its founding; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to Cabrini Green Legal Aid as an expression of our
21 esteem and respect.