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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the Polish Museum of America, one of the oldest ethnic museums in the United States; and

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WHEREAS, In 1931, a fire destroyed the Polish Library and National Museum at Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; the Polish-American community began looking for a new venue in the United States that would both promote Polish culture and history and the Polish presence in North America; and

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WHEREAS, The Polish Museum of America was established in 1935 and officially opened its doors on January 12, 1937 as the Museum and Archives of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; and

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WHEREAS, The Polish Museum of America is located in the heart of Chicago's historic Polish Downtown, a neighborhood that functions as Polish America's cultural capital; and

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WHEREAS, The Polish Museum of America promotes the knowledge of Polish history and culture by offering paintings, sculptures, drawings, and lithographs by well-known artists; it offers exhibits such as lectures, movies and slide

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1 presentations, theater performances, and meetings with schools
2 and people from all over the world who are dedicated to Polish
3 Culture; and

4 WHEREAS, The Polish Museum of America serves as the focus
5 of official commemorations of Casimir Pulaski Day, where
6 various city and State officials congregate to pay tribute to
7 Chicago's Polish Community; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 recognize the Polish Museum of America and we wish them many
11 more successful years; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Polish Museum of America as a symbol of our
14 respect and esteem.