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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Juan M. Calderon for his
4 transformative and visionary work in the City of Chicago; and

5 WHEREAS, At a young age, Juan Calderon became the Chief
6 Operating Officer of the Puerto Rican Culture Center, and in a
7 few short years, tripled the agency's size and scope, which
8 contributed to the provision of crucial services to the people
9 of Humboldt Park/West Town; and

10 WHEREAS, Juan Calderon currently serves as Chief Operating
11 Officer of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center, where he employs
12 best practices and new models of care for youth, LGBTQ, and
13 seniors living with HIV, sexually transmitted infections
14 (STIs), and mental illness; his recent accomplishments include
15 the establishment of a transnational partnership with Cuba's
16 National Center of Sex Education and TransCuba; his efforts
17 have been recognized by La Voz del Paseo Boricua's "Top 10
18 Under 30", Windy City Times's "30 Under 30", DOFFA Chicago, and
19 IVI-IPO Gay & Lesbian Caucus-Glynn Sudberry; and

20 WHEREAS, Juan Calderon, who has experienced homelessness
21 himself, took the lead on the issue of LGBTQ homelessness in
22 Chicago and created the Midwest's first permanent housing

1 shelter for homeless LGBTQ youth; and

2 WHEREAS, Juan Calderon sits on the Board of Directors and
3 serves as the treasurer of the National Museum of Puerto Rican
4 Arts and Culture; he is also a board member at the Low Income
5 Housing Trust Fund, secretary of the Richard Yates Local School
6 Council, a member of the Stowe Elementary Local School Council,
7 a member of the Board of Directors for the Advocate Bethany
8 Community Health Fund, a governor-appointed member of the
9 Illinois Human Services Commission and the Illinois Advisory
10 Council on Youth HIV/AIDS Prevention, and chairperson of the
11 TransChicago non-profit initiative; and

12 WHEREAS, Juan Calderon is recognized and celebrated for his
13 tireless pursuit of the elimination of health disparities in
14 his community, and thus was the first openly gay man to be
15 appointed to and serve on the Chicago Board of Health; and

16 WHEREAS, Juan Calderon has demonstrated through his work,
17 his integrity, and his courage an unyielding determination to
18 improve the lives of the most marginalized individuals in his
19 community; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, on
22 behalf of his beloved community and our great State, we

1 recognize the critical work and advocacy of Juan M. Calderon,
2 and we wish him continued success; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Juan Calderon as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.