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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 6th Anniversary of the
4 founding of the El Rescate LGBTQ Center which provides
5 permanent supportive housing, transitional, and emergency
6 shelter; and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 40% of the homeless youth in the
8 United States are LGBTQ; and

9 WHEREAS, Many runaway and homeless LGBTQ youth are at a
10 heightened risk of physical violence and contracting
11 transmittable diseases while they attempt to find shelter for
12 the night; and

13 WHEREAS, El Rescate was founded as a project of the Puerto
14 Rican Cultural Center in 2012 to respond to this manifest need
15 and disparity in the Humboldt Park/West Town community of
16 Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, El Rescate provides permanent housing for
18 25 previously homeless LGBTQ youth in the Humboldt Park/West
19 Town community; and

20 WHEREAS, El Rescate provides culturally competent and

1 identity affirming services to LGBTQ youth including life
2 skills, tutoring; mental health care, employment training, and
3 financial planning; and

4 WHEREAS, EL Rescate provides case management, crisis
5 intervention, individual, group, and family counseling, and
6 educational readiness; and

7 WHEREAS, El Rescate expanded its services in 2017 to
8 include emergency housing of minors 12 to 17 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, El Rescate has partnered with Trans Chicago to
10 create a temporary drop-in Center for trans youth in need of a
11 temporary place to stay, a hot shower, and a meal; and

12 WHEREAS, El Rescate has created a stable, welcoming, and
13 identity affirming home to LGBTQ youth in the Humboldt
14 Park/West Town community; and

15 WHEREAS, El Rescate continues to uplift and serve one of
16 the most vulnerable populations in Illinois; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 salute the critical, life-affirming, and continuous work of the
20 El Rescate LGBTQ Center for one of the most precious resources

1 in Illinois - its youth; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to El Rescate as symbol of our respect and esteem.