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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to commend the LGBTQ Victory Fund on its  
4 work to change the face and voice of America's politics and to  
5 achieve equality for LGBTQ Americans by increasing the number  
6 of openly LGBTQ officials at all levels of government; and

7           WHEREAS, The LGBTQ Victory Fund, commonly shortened to  
8 Victory Fund, was founded in 1991 by LGBTQ activists and donors  
9 who recognized the success of EMILY's List at attracting  
10 attention and support for women candidates for public office;  
11 it is the largest LGBTQ political action committee in the  
12 United States and one of the nation's largest non-connected  
13 political action committees; and

14           WHEREAS, In creating the Victory Fund, the founders set out  
15 to build a network of supporters who pledged to assist viable  
16 LGBTQ candidates endorsed by the organization; with less than  
17 50 openly LGBTQ elected officials across America at any level  
18 of government, the founders understood that boosting numbers in  
19 public office would be key to advancing equality; and

20           WHEREAS, On May 1, 1991, the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund was  
21 formally created as a non-partisan political action committee;  
22 founding board members included David Mixner, Hilary Rosen,

1 Roberta Bennett, Scott Hitt, Lynn Greer, John Thomas, David  
2 Detrick, Tim McFeeley, Vic Basile, Howard Menaker, and Terry  
3 Bean; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the Victory Fund has helped elect  
5 thousands of LGBTQ people to positions at all levels of  
6 government; these LGBTQ voices have made significant  
7 contributions to advancing equality for LGBTQ Americans, from  
8 passing non-discrimination laws to defeating amendments to ban  
9 marriage equality; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
11 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
12 we congratulate the LGBTQ Victory Fund on its work to change  
13 the face and voice of America's politics and commend its  
14 significant contributions to advancing equality for LGBTQ  
15 Americans and increasing the number of openly LGBTQ officials  
16 at all levels of government; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the LGBTQ Victory Fund as an expression of our  
19 esteem and respect.