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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate John Aranza on receiving the 32nd Annual Charles E. Piper Award; and

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WHEREAS, The Charles E. Piper Award celebrates Berwyn's "Business Person of the Year" recognizing contributions to making Berwyn a better place to live; and

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WHEREAS, John Aranza is a respected member of the Berwyn community; he has established two businesses and purchased a home in Berwyn; his business ventures include Horrorbles, a horror and collectibles memorabilia store, and the award-winning, Autre Monde Cafe & Spirits, which he operates with his wife, Christine Tully Aranza, and former colleagues and chefs, Dan Pancake, and Beth Partridge; and

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WHEREAS, John Aranza has contributed to many community events, including the Berwyn Route 66 Car Show, Oktoberfest, The Moving Wall, the Green Mile Pub Crawl, and the Zombie Walk & Pub Crawl; his restaurant gives back to the community through Community Tuesdays where local not-for-profit charities received a portion of the restaurant's proceeds; the restaurant also has donated a greenhouse to the Berwyn Park District; and

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1 WHEREAS, John Aranza served on the Board of Directors of
2 the Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC) for six years and has
3 been a business member of the BDC for 11 years; he has
4 contributed to the creative success behind the city's "Why
5 Berwyn?" integrated marketing campaign; and

6 WHEREAS, John Aranza grew up in Chicago's Bridgeport
7 neighborhood; he received his bachelor's degree from Lewis
8 University, where he majored in marketing and minored in
9 business; he studied for his master's degree in theology at the
10 University of Chicago; in his spare time, he enjoys watching
11 movies, collecting memorabilia, and tinkering in woodworking;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate John Aranza on receiving the 32nd Annual Charles
16 E. Piper Award, and we thank him for his contributions to the
17 City of Berwyn; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to John Aranza as an expression of our esteem and
20 respect.