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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, a
3 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, is currently celebrating
4 its 130th anniversary; and

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WHEREAS, The Auditorium Theatre was first unveiled to great
6 acclaim on December 9, 1889 in an evening featuring a
7 performance by legendary opera singer Adelina Patti and an
8 impassioned dedication speech by President Benjamin Harrison;
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WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Auditorium Theatre has
11 been an artistic venue for all people, regardless of race,
12 creed, or income; and

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WHEREAS, Due to its cultural and historic prominence, the
14 Auditorium Theatre possesses the distinction as both a National
15 Historic Landmark and a Designated Chicago Landmark; and

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WHEREAS, Chicago's status as a world-class city and a
17 destination for sublime cultural experiences has been shaped,
18 in part, by the Auditorium Theatre's contributions throughout
19 the years, including the theatre's ascendancy in the wake of
20 the Great Chicago Fire and its role in securing Chicago as the
21 location for the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893; and

1 WHEREAS, Over 300,000 patrons visit the Auditorium Theatre
2 each year, representing diverse backgrounds and a wide array of
3 cultural perspectives; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout the 2019-2020 season, the Auditorium
5 Theatre is demonstrating its commitment to diversity and
6 inclusion by presenting an eclectic array of exceptional
7 programming so that all people from surrounding communities
8 will have the opportunity to find inspiration, entertainment,
9 and enjoyment through these varied artistic experiences; and

10 WHEREAS, The Auditorium Theatre was recently awarded the
11 League of Historic American Theatres' Outstanding Historic
12 Theatre Award in recognition of its substantial contributions
13 to arts and culture and its profound historic significance; and

14 WHEREAS, It is important to celebrate the Auditorium
15 Theatre's unparalleled history and incomparable tradition;
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in recognition of the
19 Auditorium Theatre's initial unveiling, we declare December 9,
20 2019 "Auditorium Theatre Day" in the State of Illinois, and we
21 acknowledge this historic landmark's commitment to artistic

1 excellence and community inclusion while celebrating the
2 artists, performers, world leaders, authors, musicians, and
3 cultural icons who have graced the auditorium's stage and
4 enthralled tens of millions of patrons over the years; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Auditorium Theatre as a symbol of our respect
8 and esteem.