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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernandez, a world-wide ambassador of
3 Mexican Ranchero music with a distinguished singing career in
4 which he was awarded three Grammys and nine Latin Grammys,
5 passed away on December 12, 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernandez inspired generations of
7 families to share Mexican culture and traditions, including
8 all over the State of Illinois, which he visited on several
9 occasions; and

10 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernandez was born on February 17, 1940
11 in Huentitlan Jalisco, the area known as the cradle and origin
12 of Mariachi music, representative of celebratory occasions for
13 Mexican families; and

14 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernandez participated in and sponsored
15 Tres Potrillos Charro Teams and the Charro sporting tradition
16 in Mexico and all over the world; and

17 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernandez came from humble beginnings and
18 persevered, creating a successful singing career that included
19 over 50 million records sold and an acting career in which he
20 was featured in over 30 films; and

1 WHEREAS, Vicente Fernandez championed and fought for the
2 empowerment and legalization of undocumented immigrant
3 families in the United States; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we declare February 17, 2022 as "Vicente Fernandez Day" in the
7 State of Illinois to pay tribute to his tremendous
8 contributions.