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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Jaime Garcia on the
4 occasion of his retirement as executive director of the Centro
5 de Información; and

6 WHEREAS, Centro de Información, a not-for-profit social
7 services agency, has been serving the Hispanic community in
8 and around Elgin for 50 years; the agency provides immigration
9 and naturalization services, employment aid, parenting skills
10 classes, an emergency food pantry, educational seminars, and
11 additional services to the Kane County area; and

12 WHEREAS, Jaime Garcia has been involved with the Centro de
13 Información since its inception on March 21, 1972; while
14 working part-time with the United Methodist churches in Elgin,
15 he partnered with Reverend Ivan Rivera of the St. Joseph
16 Catholic Church to pool resources and start an organization to
17 assist the estimated 5,000 Latinos living in the Elgin area at
18 the time; their then all-volunteer organization opened with no
19 funding in a small, one-room office offered to them by Club
20 Guadalupano in what is now the Elgin Senior Services building;
21 their organization opened every Tuesday afternoon and evening,
22 offering information, referrals, and advocacy; and

1 WHEREAS, Jaime Garcia has served the Centro de Información
2 in every capacity, as a volunteer for 35 years and as executive
3 director for the past 15 years; during his tenure, the Centro
4 de Información has grown to include 16 paid staff members, a
5 budget of more than \$1 million, and three offices located in
6 Elgin, Carpentersville, and Hanover Park; since taking the
7 reins as executive director, the agency has assisted
8 approximately 150,000 individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, Jaime Garcia will retire on June 30, 2022;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we congratulate Jaime Garcia on his retirement from the Centro
14 de Información, recognize his commitment to the Kane County
15 community and the State of Illinois, and wish him success in
16 his future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to Jaime Garcia as an expression of our esteem and
19 respect.