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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the Copernicus Foundation, a cultural and civic center serving the Polish community as well as other ethnic groups; and

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WHEREAS, The Copernicus Foundation was chartered as a non-for-profit organization in July of 1971 to serve the metropolitan Chicago area as a major civic, educational, recreational, and entertainment resource; and

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WHEREAS, The officers of the Copernicus Foundation are Chairman of the Board Hubert Cioromski, President Mario Mikoda, and Executive Director Kamila Sumelka; and

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WHEREAS, The mission of the Copernicus Foundation is to preserve the Polish culture and historic heritage with pride; and

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WHEREAS, The Copernicus Foundation allows patrons to glimpse life as it was lived by their ancestors and to connect to a timeless culture; and

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WHEREAS, For the past 40 years, the Copernicus Foundation has sponsored the annual Taste of Polonia, Chicago's oldest and largest ethnic neighborhood festival; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Copernicus Foundation is not only the home of  
2 several organizations and non-for-profits but also a civic  
3 partner of the Jefferson Park community; it is located on  
4 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago's "Polish Corridor", and is the  
5 anchor of the city's Little Warsaw; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare July 12,  
8 2021 as Copernicus Foundation Day in the State of Illinois;  
9 and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the Copernicus Foundation as a symbol of our  
12 respect and esteem.