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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association (CCNBNA) on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, The CCNBNA was established in 1973 by Christine Leak in response to the challenges witnessed by Black nurses caring for Black people in the areas of sickle cell, hypertension, diabetes, cancer, pregnancies, alcoholism, and inadequate nutritional intake; and

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WHEREAS, These initial efforts led to an increase in community-based, volunteer-based community, healthcare programs within Black communities which in turn led to an increase in community-centered collaborations and networking with organizations caring for persons of color; and

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WHEREAS, This also led to an increase in CCNBNA's involvement with aldermanic offices and in health-related activities as well as with the City of Chicago's Department of Public Health and Gilda's Place; and

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WHEREAS, The CCNBNA has increased its involvement with undergraduate nursing programs and their student population;

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2 WHEREAS, The CCNBNA organizes trips to Springfield to
3 educate its junior members and student nurse members on the
4 importance of conveying their concerns to their legislative
5 officials; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
7 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Chicago Chapter of the National Black
9 Nurses Association (CCNBNA) on its 50th anniversary and wish
10 them many more successful years; and be it further

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