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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Simon's Tavern on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of its founding; and

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WHEREAS, The doors of Simon's Tavern were first opened on May 15, 1934 by Swedish immigrant Simon Lundberg, and for the last 90 years, the bar has been lovingly referred to as the "Anchor of Andersonville"; and

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WHEREAS, Simon's Tavern is best known for its iconic sign featuring a herring sipping a martini, its famous handmade glögg, pronounced glug, and its gregarious owner Scott Martin; and

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WHEREAS, Since first opening its doors, little has changed at Simon's Tavern over the last 90 years; the bar still proudly features its original woodwork and coolers; and

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WHEREAS, Owner Scott Martin, a life-long resident of Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood, has served as a steward of protecting the neighborhood's Swedish American history; he is the owner of the last Swedish business in what was once a predominantly Swedish speaking community; and

1           WHEREAS, Scott Martin purchased the tavern from Roy  
2           Lundberg, son of the eponymous Simon, in 1994; and

3           WHEREAS, Photos on the wall of Simon's Tavern harken back  
4           to a time when Andersonville's identity was synonymous with  
5           the Swedish immigrants who established it and show parades  
6           with floats celebrating Swedish heritage and traditions; and

7           WHEREAS, The hallmark of Simon's Tavern is its homemade  
8           glögg, a Swedish mulled wine traditionally served during the  
9           holidays and cold winter months; and

10          WHEREAS, Scott Martin has been brewing his own glögg  
11          recipe since acquiring the bar in 1994, and Simon's Tavern  
12          sold 3,000 gallons of its homemade glögg in 2022; and

13          WHEREAS, Simon's Tavern's in-house recipe includes  
14          raisins, cinnamon sticks, cardamom, cloves, orange peels,  
15          almonds, port wine, and many secret ingredients known only to  
16          a few trusted Swedish Americans; therefore, be it

17          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
18          HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
19          we congratulate Simon's Tavern on its 90th anniversary, and we  
20          wish it success for the next 90 years; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
2 presented to Simon's Tavern and owner Scott Martin as a symbol  
3 of our respect and esteem.