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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 congratulate the Immigrant Family Resource Program (IFRP) for
4 its 25 years of service to our State's immigrant and refugee
5 families; and

6 WHEREAS, IFRP is comprised of a partnership consisting of
7 the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois
8 Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, and 65 partnering
9 community organizations throughout our State; and

10 WHEREAS, IFRP connects immigrant and refugee families to
11 valuable services as they move toward economic
12 self-sufficiency, including case management, public benefits,
13 translation, interpretation, and financial assistance; and

14 WHEREAS, IFRP serves the full diversity of our State's
15 immigrant and refugee population, providing assistance in 59
16 languages, including Spanish, Polish, Arabic, Hindi, Urdu,
17 Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Pashto, Ukrainian, Burmese, and
18 French; and

19 WHEREAS, IFRP assists over 20,000 immigrants and refugees
20 each year; and

1 WHEREAS, IFRP began in 1999 as a State initiative
2 responding to confusion and a lack of information in the midst
3 of federal cuts to public benefit eligibility for thousands of
4 immigrants lawfully present in the United States who had not
5 yet become U.S. citizens; and

6 WHEREAS, IFRP has provided crucial outreach, education,
7 and application assistance for immigrants and refugees amid
8 changing and often confusing policy changes regarding health
9 care access, nutritional assistance, income support, and other
10 needs; and

11 WHEREAS, IFRP has used a successful model of working with
12 trusted community-based partners that immigrant and refugee
13 families often otherwise rely upon and trust for information,
14 education, and support services; and

15 WHEREAS, IFRP's network has proven nimble and resilient in
16 responding to emerging needs, such as the need for culturally
17 and linguistically accessible programming during the COVID-19
18 pandemic and the arrival of Syrian refugees in the 2010s,
19 Afghan and Ukrainian refugees in the 2020s, and, most
20 recently, asylum seekers transported from the southern border
21 since August 2022; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the
2 Immigrant Family Resource Program (IFRP) for its 25 years of
3 service to our State's immigrant and refugee families in
4 assisting them on their path to self-sufficiency and
5 integration into our State's economy and community.