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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Carlos Tortolero,  
4 President of the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, on  
5 being recognized by the Illinois Humanities Council; and

6           WHEREAS, Carlos Tortolero founded Chicago's National  
7 Museum of Mexican Art more than two decades ago to increase  
8 understanding and appreciation of Mexican culture; he has  
9 dedicated his life to increasing awareness of the culture,  
10 starting from his work as a teacher in Chicago Public Schools  
11 and as the head of the nationally known museum; and

12           WHEREAS, The 23-year Berwyn resident will be recognized for  
13 his work by the Illinois Humanities Council in May of 2008,  
14 with the 2008 Public Humanities Award; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Tortolero has been able to give back to his  
16 hometown and the Berwyn and Cicero communities directly through  
17 his work with the museum, through the Yollocalli initiative;  
18 the effort is an education and career-training program for  
19 teenagers and young adults aimed at increasing their  
20 understanding of and ability in the arts and offers free  
21 classes to Morton High School District 201 students; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Tortolero was chosen for the award for the  
2           impact he's made upon civic life in Illinois through the  
3           humanities, particularly upon citizens of Latino heritage; and

4           WHEREAS, The National Museum of Mexican Art has grown into  
5           the largest Latino arts institution in the country and the only  
6           Latino museum to be accredited by the American Association of  
7           Museums, which regularly turns out exhibits that tour the  
8           United States and Mexico; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10          NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11          congratulate Carlos Tortolero on being recognized by the  
12          Illinois Humanities Council and wish him the best in his future  
13          endeavors; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15          presented to Carlos Tortolero as a symbol of our respect and  
16          esteem.