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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, February 19th, 2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA), a 501 (c)(6) organization that works to ensure the equitable participation of its constituents in the construction industry, while also promoting the growth, quality of work, professionalism, and integrity of those individuals and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, Founded in Chicago in 1979 by a small contingency of Hispanic construction business owners, HACIA now serves over 300 construction-related firms throughout Illinois and serves as the premier construction-related organization advocating for equal access within the industry; and

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WHEREAS, HACIA represents over 100,000 construction workers and professional service employees in the industry who have contributed to the building of Chicago's skyline and other significant landmarks throughout the great State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, HACIA sees the need to equip a growing Hispanic community with the tools necessary to compete and succeed at new business opportunities; HACIA believes that, like any group, Hispanics must continuously obtain new training and

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1 education to remain at the cutting edge of the construction  
2 industry; and

3 WHEREAS, On February 19th, 2009, HACIA will celebrate its  
4 30th anniversary with a banquet at the Chicago Hilton & Towers  
5 at 720 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
7 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate the members of  
9 the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association  
10 (HACIA) on the occasion of the organization's 30th anniversary;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we designate February 19, 2009 as "HACIA  
13 Day" in the State of Illinois.