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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the members of the  
4 University of Southern California Midwest Alumni Club on the  
5 occasion of the club's 50th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, The University of Southern California (USC)  
7 Midwest Alumni Club (MAC) was established in Chicago in 1959;  
8 the club's goal is to promote life-long Trojan friendships,  
9 provide scholarships to local area students, assist in student  
10 recruitment, and play host to the biennial USC-Notre Dame  
11 Weekender alumni activities; and

12           WHEREAS, Held in commemoration of the USC-Notre Dame  
13 rivalry, which was begun in 1926, the USC-Notre Dame Weekender,  
14 which is hosted by the USC Midwest Alumni Club, has grown over  
15 the years and attracts thousands of alumni, family, and friends  
16 of the University of Southern California to Chicago and its  
17 suburbs to enjoy the longest intersectional NCAA rivalry in  
18 college football; the date of October 17, 2009 will mark the  
19 club's 81st USC-Notre Dame Weekender meeting; and

20           WHEREAS, There are currently close to 5,000 USC alumni in  
21 the Chicago area, which includes the City of Chicago and its  
22 surrounding suburbs, southern Wisconsin, and northern Indiana;

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2 WHEREAS, The USC Midwest Alumni Club annually hosts a  
3 variety of activities, including monthly business after hours  
4 networking events, academic seminars with notable alumni and  
5 professors of the university, and co-hosting Pacific 10  
6 Conference social events with other PAC-10 universities; and

7 WHEREAS, The USC Midwest Alumni Club has provided hundreds  
8 of local students with hundreds of thousands of dollars in  
9 scholarships over the years through the club's Kenneth R.  
10 Barton II Memorial Scholarship; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
13 congratulate the members of the University of Southern  
14 California Midwest Alumni Club on the occasion of the club's  
15 50th anniversary; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented USC Midwest Alumni Club President Suzanne Reichart,  
18 Vice President Mark Decker, Treasurer Emil Ulstrup, and USC  
19 General Alumni Association President Robert Padgett as symbol  
20 of our respect and esteem.