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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the men and women  
4 of The Second City comedy theatre on the 50th anniversary of  
5 the groundbreaking company; and

6           WHEREAS, With stages in Chicago and Toronto, The Second  
7 City is known for entertaining millions of people each year and  
8 successfully launching the careers of many comedic stars; and

9           WHEREAS, The Second City has been nominated for over 120  
10 Joseph Jefferson Awards in Chicago, over 35 Dora Awards, and  
11 nearly 20 Canadian Comedy Awards in Toronto; the Second City  
12 television series, SCTV, won an ACTRA award, two Emmy awards,  
13 and garnered over 13 Emmy nominations during its 185 episode  
14 run; and

15           WHEREAS, The Second City gives over \$100,000 each year to  
16 charities; and Second City Education provides professional  
17 development training to thousands of young people, teachers,  
18 and staff members each year; and

19           WHEREAS, Second City Theatricals produces many diverse  
20 shows, including the popular "Rod Blagojevich, Superstar" and  
21 "Barack Stars", that tour throughout the country; and

1           WHEREAS, Members of the cast have included: Alan Alda, Alan  
2   Arkin, Ed Asner, Anne Meara, Jerry Stiller, Joan Rivers, Elaine  
3   May, Mike Nichols, Fred Willard, Peter Boyle, Bill Murray,  
4   Stephen Colbert, Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Bonnie Hunt, George  
5   Wendt, and Dan Aykroyd; and the late John Belushi, John Candy,  
6   Chris Farley, and Gilda Radner; and

7           WHEREAS, The Second City will celebrate its 50th  
8   anniversary on December 16, 2009; therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10   NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11   congratulate the men and women of The Second City on this  
12   momentous anniversary; and be it further

13          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14   presented to The Second City as a symbol of our respect and  
15   esteem.