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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Northeastern Illinois University's in-residence  
3 dance company and center, Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance  
4 Theater, is celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2011; and

5           WHEREAS, The Ensemble Espanol Spanish Dance Theater is a  
6 not-for-profit corporation chartered to share the rich  
7 traditions of dance, music, and culture of Spain with all our  
8 communities and to be a center for encouraging new artistic  
9 creativity from artists and educators; and

10           WHEREAS, The Ensemble Espanol is hailed as the "Center for  
11 Spanish Dance in America" and is recognized as the leader in  
12 Hispanic dance and music, uniting all of our communities via  
13 their mission of art, education, and culture; and

14           WHEREAS, The Ensemble Espanol has been spreading the art  
15 and culture of Spain in the City of Chicago, the State of  
16 Illinois, and around the world via education, scholarships,  
17 performances, and tours for more than three decades; and

18           WHEREAS, The company's founder and artistic director, Dame  
19 Libby Komaiko, is the first American artist in history to be  
20 awarded Spain's highest honor to foreign nationals with the  
21 Lazo de Dama de la Orden de Isabel, la Catolica, by Juan Carlos

1 I, King of Spain, for her work in spreading the cultural values  
2 of Spain via music and dance throughout the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, The company's extraordinary repertoire, tours,  
4 classes, workshops, seminars, residencies, and festivals,  
5 shared by millions of audience members and students for the  
6 past three decades, exemplify their mission as the premiere  
7 foundation of the international center for Spanish dance and  
8 music at Northeastern Illinois University; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
11 we designate June 16, 2011 as Ensemble Espanol Day in the State  
12 of Illinois; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Dame Libby Komaiko at the American Spanish Dance  
15 and Music Festival as a symbol of our respect and esteem.