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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In 2012, Fiesta del Sol will be celebrating its
3 40th Anniversary; and

4 WHEREAS, Fiesta del Sol, the largest Latino festival in the
5 Midwest, is an admission-free event, bringing patrons,
6 sponsors, and vendors from across the nation and offering live
7 entertainment, local art, a variety of food, activities, and
8 educational information in an alcohol and tobacco free,
9 family-friendly environment; and

10 WHEREAS, Fiesta del Sol is organized by the Pilsen
11 Neighbors Community Council with the funds from the festival
12 designated for community organizing in the areas of education
13 funding reform, healthcare, civil rights of immigrants, and
14 workforce development, educational summits, an ACT Prep
15 Program, educational scholarships, and leadership training;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Pilsen Neighbors Community Council is a
18 non-profit organization located in the heart of Pilsen and
19 Fiesta del Sol is the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council's
20 primary fundraising event to underwrite its community
21 organizing and service programming throughout the year; and

1 WHEREAS, The Fiesta del Sol Guadalupe A. Reyes Scholarship
2 Program has celebrated over a decade of awarding scholarships
3 to students from the Southwest side of the city and beyond; and

4 WHEREAS, The Scholarship Program offers students \$1,500
5 for college expenses and has given \$700,000 to over 450
6 students; and

7 WHEREAS, Fiesta del Sol draws over 1 million visitors
8 during the four day event, which, in 2012, will be held on July
9 26-29th in the neighborhood of Pilsen in Chicago; therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we recognize and honor the 40th Anniversary of Fiesta del Sol;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council as a symbol
17 of our respect and esteem.