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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Sam Sanchez for his myriad of accomplishments within the business community and his devotion to the betterment of the neighborhoods in which he lives and works; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Sanchez is the principal partner and oversees all facets of a multi-unit, multi-million dollar restaurant business, including operations and business development for 4 John Barleycorn locations and 2 Moe's Cantina locations; he currently serves as project manager for the Old Crow Smokehouse, a new barbecue concept under development in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to his restaurants, Sam Sanchez owns EMC Construction, a full-service construction company that handles both renovations of existing properties and new construction; he also owns Samco Enterprises, a staff management and personnel training company; and

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WHEREAS, Sam Sanchez is very active in the hospitality community and the neighborhoods where his venues are located; he is the President of the Chicago Hospitality Association, a member and former officer of the Lincoln Park Chamber of

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1 Commerce, a current commissioner for the Lincoln Avenue Special
2 Service Area, and a member and former officer of the Illinois
3 Restaurant Association; he also is an active member of the
4 River North Business Association, the Central Lakeview
5 Merchants Association, the East Lake View Neighbors
6 Association, the Schaumburg Business Association, the Greater
7 North Michigan Avenue Association, the Downtown Leadership
8 Club, and Club 42, and he serves on the host committee of the
9 Chicago Leadership Club; and

10 WHEREAS, Sam Sanchez is presently working with the City of
11 Chicago and community leaders to stimulate economic growth in
12 the 43rd Ward; he has been a vocal participant in the
13 development of projects that have a major impact on the
14 neighborhoods; he is a board member of the Lakefront Sculpture
15 Exhibit, a privately-funded, not-for-profit corporation that
16 concentrates on enriching the community with public art
17 projects while supporting local artists; originally focused on
18 the Lincoln Park neighborhood, the program has now grown to
19 encompass 5 Chicago neighborhoods; and

20 WHEREAS, Safety and security is a top concern for Sam
21 Sanchez and he is actively involved with the Chicago
22 Alternative Policing Strategy in the 44th, 43rd, and 42nd
23 Wards, working with residents and the police department to
24 identify and solve neighborhood problems; he was instrumental

1 in laying the groundwork with city and State legislators for
2 the Comprehensive Alcohol Responsible Retailing Act to help
3 curb overconsumption and binge drinking by setting service
4 standards for both retail and on-premise alcohol sales; and

5 WHEREAS, Sam Sanchez hosts many charitable events at his
6 venues throughout the year; the 43rd and 44th Ward Annual
7 Senior Summer Barbecues; the 43rd Ward Annual Senior Bingo
8 Party; the 44th Ward Annual Children's Holiday Party; the Ugly
9 Sweater Party, an annual food drive for the Greater Chicago
10 Food Depository; Pinko de Mayo, an annual event benefitting the
11 Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; and the Links
12 Technology Cup, an annual fundraiser benefitting the
13 Schaumburg Park Foundation; he also serves as a mentor and
14 motivational speaker for Latino high school students with an
15 interest in public policy and business as part of a mentorship
16 program developed by Alderman George Cardenas; and

17 WHEREAS, Sam Sanchez has been married to Marga for 24 years
18 and they have 3 daughters together, Samantha, Korina, and
19 Camila; he enjoys entertaining at home and cooking for his
20 family and friends; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we recognize and honor Sam Sanchez for all his accomplishments,

1 thank him for his commitment to his community, and wish him the
2 best in all his future endeavors; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Sam Sanchez as an expression of our esteem and
5 respect.