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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Gift Theatre was conceived by students Michael
3 Patrick Thornton and William Nedved while at The University of
4 Iowa in 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, The idea for The Gift Theatre was to grow and
6 nurture an ensemble and lay roots in Jefferson Park, an
7 artistically underserved Chicago neighborhood; the mission -
8 to tell great stories on stage with honesty and simplicity with
9 an ensemble composed of actors, directors, writers, and
10 improvisers; and

11 WHEREAS, For over 10 years, The Gift Theatre has earned a
12 reputation as an institution dedicated to great acting and a
13 home for new plays; it has served as a cultural anchor and
14 economic engine to local businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, Since moving into the storefront on North
16 Milwaukee in 2005, The Gift Theatre has brought tens of
17 thousands of new visitors to Jefferson Park and Chicago's
18 northwest side; and

19 WHEREAS, Artistic Director Michael Patrick Thornton grew
20 up in and still resides in the Jefferson Park neighborhood;
21 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we recognize the great asset The Gift Theatre is to the
4 Jefferson Park neighborhood, and we wish it continued success
5 in the years to come; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to The Gift Theatre Artistic Director Michael
8 Thornton as an expression of our esteem and respect.