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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives recognize the many phenomenal artistic and  
4 cultural wonders of our great State; and

5 WHEREAS, A number of Frank Lloyd Wright architectural  
6 designs, both residential and commercial, have long graced our  
7 communities; the Emil Bach Home remains a century-old local  
8 treasure along Sheridan Road on Chicago's North Side; and

9 WHEREAS, The home was designed in 1915 for Emil Bach,  
10 President of Bach Brick Company in Chicago, with all of  
11 Wright's legendary flair; the compact two-story home with  
12 Prairie style appropriations was constructed during a  
13 personally difficult period of Wright's life, following the  
14 tragic death of his wife in the Taliesan fire; and

15 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright began work on the Bach family  
16 home following his return from Europe; he then commenced with  
17 the Midway Garden project in 1914 and departed for construction  
18 of the Imperial Hotel in Japan after the home's completion in  
19 1915; and

20 WHEREAS, The progressively designed, yet human-centric  
21 home was designated as a Chicago landmark in 1977; the home was

1 subsequently placed on the United States Register of Historic  
2 Places in 1979 and was meticulously renovated in 2013 for  
3 vacation lodging and travel events; and

4 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright's boldly democratic style  
5 focused on architecture for everyman, as opposed to everyman  
6 for a single architecture, through the use of careful  
7 standardization; no other modern architect had such a diverse  
8 career, from designing skyscrapers and gas stations to  
9 factories and flower stalls; and

10 WHEREAS, The Emil Bach Home proudly commemorates its  
11 centennial this year; the Home continues to serve Chicago's  
12 North Side community culturally, aesthetically, and  
13 economically; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 proudly commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Emil Bach Home  
17 as an important landmark for Chicago and American artistic  
18 history.