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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor the life and legacy of Rolando Juan Correa; and

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WHEREAS, Rolando Correa was born in Manati, Puerto Rico and moved to Chicago at age eight; overcoming the grim obstacles of urban disparity, he was awarded an ASPIRA scholarship to pursue higher education in Puerto Rico; and

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WHEREAS, Rolando Correa proudly served in Vietnam with the United States Army as a door gunner, protecting medical helicopters as they evacuated wounded soldiers; and

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WHEREAS, Rolando Correa managed one of the first registration campaign drives of Latino voters in Chicago; in the summer of 1980, during his tenure with the Puerto Rican Parade Committee, he followed the call to celebrate Puerto Rican arts and culture by bringing Las Fiestas Patronales to Humboldt Park; and

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WHEREAS, Rolando Correa worked for the County of Cook, the City of Chicago, and the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Rolando Correa, after more than 43 combined years

1 as a co-founder, staff member, and board member, was appointed
2 Executive Director in 2005 and President and CEO in 2013 of
3 Rincon Family Services; under his leadership, the
4 organizational budget, staff, and community presence through
5 acquisition of new facilities more than doubled in the last
6 three years; and

7 WHEREAS, Rolando Correa and his wife of 44 years, Graciela,
8 have two children, Rolando Jr. and Cristina, and five
9 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Rolando Correa will be remembered fondly for his
11 dedication to creating an environment of respect and compassion
12 for all he encountered, his commitment to the city's most
13 vulnerable populations, and his role as a devoted guardian of
14 the communities he loved; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
16 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 honor the life and legacy of Rolando Juan Correa and pay
18 tribute to his work in the City of Chicago and beyond; and be
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Rolando Juan Correa as a symbol of
22 our esteem and respect.