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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the 90th anniversary of the founding of St. Cornelius Catholic Church in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, St. Cornelius was established in 1925 by George Cardinal Mundelein as a parish for the Catholics of Jefferson Park on the northwest side of Chicago; the founding pastor was Monsignor Luke H. Lyons; and

WHEREAS, The parish was placed under the patronage of Saint Cornelius, a pope in the third century; he died in exile in 253, and is honored as both a Pope and a martyr of the early Christian Church; his feast day is September 16; and

WHEREAS, The first Mass was celebrated in the completed church-school building in August of 1926; the school opened its doors in December of that same year; and

WHEREAS, Monsignor John R. Gleason began construction on the present day church building in 1964; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2016, St. Cornelius began to offer ethnic Masses for the Hispanic and Filipino communities on a monthly basis; and

1           WHEREAS, In June of 2016, St. Cornelius joined with Saint  
2           Pascal, Saint Tarcissus, and Our Lady of Victory to become the  
3           Pope Francis Global Academy, which opened its doors on August  
4           22; therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
6           NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
7           recognize the 90th anniversary of the founding of St. Cornelius  
8           Catholic Church and we wish them many more wonderful years; and  
9           be it further

10          RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11          presented to the congregation at St. Cornelius as an expression  
12          of our esteem and respect.