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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor and thank Flavio Gonzalez for his contributions to the community of Pilsen; and

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WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez has an accomplished history of giving back to communities in need through construction, community affairs, political strategy, and not-for-profits; he serves as vice president of Club Villa Morelos, an organization that helps undocumented families in Pilsen and families in the state of Michoacan; he led a campaign to help rebuild an elementary school in Jureremba, Michoacan, a town that was in need of education and infrastructure; as vice president, he has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars that go back to rebuilding infrastructure in cities of Michoacan; and

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WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez currently serves as Senior Advisor for Illinois State Representative Edward Acevedo, in which he has advised Representative Acevedo on public policies that matter to the residents of Pilsen; he has worked as a Labor Foreman with the City of Chicago for the past 15 years; he also has consulted on several historical pieces of legislation passed in the State of Illinois and has helped build a coalition of groups who protect the right of undocumented families; and

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1           WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez, well known in his community as  
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3           and a trusted advisor for many families, organizations, and  
4           parishes; he is also a member of Casa De Michoacan, the Pilsen  
5           Neighborhood Watch Coalition, the 25th Ward Progressive Party,  
6           the Little Village Rotary Club, and Saint Paul Church; and

7           WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez has made a priority of maintaining  
8           a viable and welcoming neighborhood for Pilsen families; he is  
9           presently working with city and community leaders to help keep  
10          the City of Chicago a sanctuary city, helping provide a safe  
11          haven for immigrants; he has been a vocal participant in  
12          helping Latino families stay in the Pilsen neighborhood,  
13          especially projects that will have a major impact on  
14          gentrifying Latino families; safety and security is a top  
15          concern for Mr. Gonzalez in the communities where he lives and  
16          Chicago at large; he is actively involved with the Chicago  
17          Alternative Policing Strategy and the Pilsen Neighborhood  
18          Watch Coalition in the 25th Ward, working with residents and  
19          the police department to identify and solve neighborhood  
20          problems; he was also instrumental in laying the groundwork  
21          with city officials and State legislators for the Temporary  
22          Driver's License for the undocumented; and

23          WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez believes in giving back to the

1 community and hosts many charitable events in the Pilsen  
2 community throughout the year, including the Acevedo Family Toy  
3 Drive, the Pilsen Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner, the Club Villa  
4 Morelos Education Fund, the Annual Pilsen Turkey Bowl, the  
5 monthly community Clean and Greens, and Senior Summer; he also  
6 serves as a mentor for future Latino leaders with an interest  
7 in public policy and immigration as part of a Mentorship  
8 Program developed by community leader Alex Acevedo; and

9 WHEREAS, Flavio Gonzalez has been married to his loving  
10 wife, Lourdes, for 25 years; he has three children, Fernando,  
11 Alma, and Flavio Jr.; in his spare time, he enjoys entertaining  
12 at his home and cooking for his family and friends; therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 honor and thank Flavio Gonzalez for his contributions to the  
17 community of Pilsen and wish him continued success and  
18 happiness in the future; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
20 presented to Flavio Gonzalez as a symbol of our esteem and  
21 respect.