

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are proud to congratulate Viva La Gente of  
4 Chicago for their positive influence on the youth of Chicago;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Viva La Gente, which means, "Up With People",  
7 was established in 1989 and is the biggest cultural youth  
8 group in Chicago, with members ranging in age from 4 through  
9 16; the sole purpose of Viva La Gente is to spread the  
10 message of love and brotherhood to the world through music,  
11 without political or religious motivation; the group sings  
12 and dances to music that only carries a positive message; and

13 WHEREAS, Viva La Gente has represented youth in many  
14 public presentations throughout Chicago and various states;  
15 they have performed at The Field Museum, the Pan American  
16 Festivals, Viva Chicago, Taste of Chicago, Channel 44  
17 Brechita, Wright College, the Soccer League Opening, the  
18 Shore Drive Country Club, the McCormick Place Hotel, the  
19 Norwegian American Hospital Festival, and the 1995 Viva  
20 Chicago opening; Viva La Gente had the honor of being present  
21 at the Richard J. Daley Plaza for special events, and at the  
22 Inaugural Ceremony of the Honorable Governor Jim Edgar; and

23 WHEREAS, Recently, Viva La Gente reached out to the youth  
24 in their community by bringing presentations to grammar  
25 schools and high schools such as Churrs, Clemente, Kelvyn  
26 Park, Duprey, H.I.P.P.Y., Sabin, Lozano, as well as the  
27 Chicago Park District Yamborines; and

28 WHEREAS, Viva La Gente has completed tours to Indiana's  
29 Puerto Rican Festival, Cleveland, Orlando, and four different  
30 towns in Puerto Rico; where they were welcomed with much  
31 warmth and re-invited for future visits; and

1           WHEREAS, Viva La Gente's most prestigious performances  
2 were during June 1996, at the Sheraton Hotel for the  
3 Honorable First Lady Mrs. Hilary Clinton, and in 1997 in  
4 Dallas at the Texas State Fair; in 1998, Viva La Gente was  
5 invited to perform in Puepla, Mexico and surrounding towns  
6 for the more needy families; in 1999, the group was invited  
7 to Universal Studios to perform; and

8           WHEREAS, Viva La Gente was the proud recipient of two  
9 first place prizes at the Hispanic Star Search of 1992, one  
10 in each category they represented, the Duo/Group Vocal and  
11 Best Youth Performer, and, in 1993, the group received two  
12 first place prizes in Outstanding Youth Performer and  
13 Duo/Group Vocal; Viva La Gente's most recent accomplishment  
14 was the recording of their new CD titled, "Abriendo Caminos  
15 Para Un Nuevo Destino"; and

16           WHEREAS, Viva La Gente also enjoys making presentations  
17 at churches and social agencies and welcome new prospective  
18 members; and

19           WHEREAS, Without the help of Jose R. Quiles, Director and  
20 Founder of Viva La Gente, and Damaressa Quiles, Diamariluz  
21 Quiles, Jaslene Gonzalez, Lydia Sanchez, Iraida Sanchez,  
22 Veronica Mercado, Jessica Gutierrez, Sandra, Heather White,  
23 Iris, Saby, Dinely Ayala, Vanessa, and Sonia Padilla, the  
24 success of Viva La Gente would surely not be so great;  
25 therefore, be it

26           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
27 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
28 we congratulate Viva La Gente of Chicago on their success as  
29 the largest cultural youth group in Chicago, and wish them  
30 all the best in their future performances; and be it further

31           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
32 presented to Jose R. Quiles, Director and Founder Viva La

1 Gente of Chicago, as an expression of our esteem.