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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the founding of Loyola University
Chicago.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the founding of Loyola
University Chicago.

Whereas Loyola University Chicago is celebrating its 150th
anniversary as the only Jesuit Catholic university in Illi-
nois on September 5, 2020;

Whereas Arnold Damen, S.J., sought to open a college in af-
filiation with Holy Family Parish in 1856 to serve Chi-
cago's Catholic immigrants, purchased land at the corner
of Twelfth and May Streets, and began construction in
1859;

Whereas St. Ignatius College opened on September 5, 1870,
with a class of 37 students;

Whereas the Great Chicago Fire started only a few blocks from St. Ignatius College in 1871, but the new College survived and served as a safe haven for the devastated neighborhood;

Whereas, in 1905, Henry J. Dumbach, S.J., purchased nearly 20 acres of land in Rogers Park, the future home of Loyola's Lake Shore Campus;

Whereas the School of Law opened in 1908 where men and women were both admitted;

Whereas, on October 23, 1909, St. Ignatius College was granted a new charter by the State of Illinois and was officially renamed Loyola University;

Whereas Loyola's student newspaper, The Loyola News, later the Loyola Phoenix, was founded in 1924;

Whereas, in 1926, having no home field for its football team, Loyola adopted the nickname "Ramblers" for all of its athletic teams;

Whereas, in 1935, Loyola established a School of Nursing, the first fully accredited collegiate school of nursing in the State of Illinois;

Whereas, in 1963, Loyola's men's varsity basketball team played Mississippi State University in the Game of Change, a landmark of the civil rights movement;

Whereas Loyola's men's basketball team goes on to win the 1963 NCAA Tournament, becoming the first and only team from Illinois to win the national championship;

Whereas, in 1970, Loyola University marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. Ignatius College, and officially changed its name to Loyola University Chicago;

Whereas Loyola's women's studies program awarded its first master's degrees in 2002;

Whereas, in 2013, Loyola launched a new Institute for Environmental Sustainability;

Whereas, in the fall of 2015, Loyola opened Arrupe College, an innovative 2-year college for Chicago-area students with limited financial means;

Whereas Dr. Jo Ann Rooney became the 24th president of Loyola University Chicago in 2016, the first lay president in the university's history;

Whereas Loyola launched its SCHOOLS 2020 Partnership program in 2017, supporting neighborhood-based public education on Chicago's northeast side;

Whereas Loyola's men's basketball team made it to the Final Four of the 2018 NCAA Tournament, assisted by team chaplain, Sr. Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM;

Whereas today—

(1) Loyola University Chicago is one of Chicago's anchor institutions, employing more than 4,000 faculty and staff, and enrolling over 17,000 students;

(2) 98 percent of Loyola students who graduate with a bachelor's degree are hired within 3 months of their graduation, or pursuing a graduate degree;

(3) Loyola students interning at Chicago public schools provide more than 110,000 hours of unpaid support and assistance;

(4) Loyola's Community Nursing Center provides home visits for the elderly in several communities on Chicago's northeast side;

(5) Loyola Community and Family Services provides mental health services to children and families in Rogers Park and Edgewater, in Chicago;

(6) Loyola's Health Justice Project provides pro bono legal and social services to vulnerable populations on Chicago's west and north sides;

(7) Loyola's Urban Social Benefit Incubator builds the capacity of Chicago-based nonprofit organizations and social enterprises;

(8) Loyola supports more than 300 community partner organizations across Chicago and the surrounding suburbs through student, staff, and faculty volunteer services; and

(9) Loyola is ranked among the most environmentally sustainable college campuses in the Nation; and

Whereas Loyola's graduates form a vital part of the human infrastructure of Chicago and Illinois, notably in the areas of medicine, nursing, law, teaching, social work, communications, public health, and environmental sustainability: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the contributions Loyola University Chicago has pro-
3 vided Chicago and its national community over its 150
4 years of service.