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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Japan America Society of Chicago.

For the last eighty years the Japan America Society of Chicago (JASC) has served the people of Illinois and the international community by creating and promoting Japanese and American friendships through business, social, educational and cultural activities. In our increasingly interconnected world the work of organizations such as JASC is more important than ever, particularly because JASC is the only organization in Chicago that touches all of these diverse areas in American and Japanese relationship building.

It is exceedingly important that we continue to strive to build connections in the international community that will promote mutual understanding and cultural awareness, and the services provided by the Japan America Society of Chicago are instrumental in achieving that goal. Eighty years of service is truly an impressive milestone for any organization, and I am honored to join in congratulating you on this occasion. I am certain that your dedication will continue for many more years to come.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable celebration and for continued success for the Japan America Society of Chicago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor