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Pat Quinn
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The Benjamin Marshall Society

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the celebration of the first Centennial Anniversary of East Lake Shore Drive hosted by the Benjamin Marshall Society.

The City of Chicago is truly one of our nation's most beautiful urban environments, with an iconic skyline and countless landmark buildings. Many architects have left their imprint on the city, and among the most notable is Benjamin Marshall. This evening you gather to celebrate a special 100-year milestone in Chicago social and architectural history, and to honor Benjamin Marshall for his contributions to this history. Marshall's building designs for East Lake Shore Drive stand as an enduring monument to his belief that civilization begins with a beautiful environment to be enjoyed by one and all.

I commend the Benjamin Marshall Society for its dedication to making known the name, life, works and legacy of this significant architect. I also wish to congratulate the Polish Government on receiving this year's Benjamin Marshall Prize for the renovation of its Consulate. With that said, I encourage everyone present to continue supporting the Benjamin Marshall Society so that they may continue their important work of historic preservation for many years to come.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor