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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, President Barack H. Obama served as the 44th
3 President of the United States of America from January 20, 2009
4 to January 20, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, President Obama, the first African American
6 elected to the American Presidency was born in Hawaii; he was
7 the first President born out of the contiguous United States;
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WHEREAS, President Obama attended Occidental College in
10 Los Angeles and graduated from Columbia College in New York in
11 1983; and

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WHEREAS, President Obama worked as a community organizer on
13 the South Side of Chicago from June of 1985 to May of 1988; he
14 entered Harvard Law School in the fall of 1988, returning to
15 Chicago during summers, where he worked as an associate at
16 various law firms; he permanently returned to Chicago in 1991
17 after earning his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School; and

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WHEREAS, President Obama taught constitutional law at the
19 University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004; he also
20 worked as a lawyer, specializing in civil rights litigation and
21 neighborhood economic development; and

1 WHEREAS, President Obama was elected to the Illinois State
2 Senate in 1996, representing the Illinois 13th District; he was
3 re-elected to the Illinois Senate in 1998 and 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, President Obama was elected to represent Illinois
5 in the United States Senate in 2004 with over 70% of the vote;
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7 WHEREAS, President Obama announced his candidacy for
8 President of the United States of America in February of 2007
9 from the steps of the Old State Capitol Building in
10 Springfield, the site of President Abraham Lincoln's 1858
11 "House Divided" speech; he was elected President in 2008 with
12 just under 53% of the popular vote; he was re-elected in 2012;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, As President of the United States of America,
15 President Obama has been a progressive leader on numerous
16 issues including, domestic policy, LGBTQ rights, women's
17 rights, healthcare, economic policy, environmental policy,
18 energy, gun control, internet policy, and foreign policy; and

19 WHEREAS, President Obama was awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace
20 Prize for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen
21 international diplomacy and cooperation between people; and

1 WHEREAS, President Obama is an avid fan of the Chicago
2 White Sox; in 2011, he hosted the Chicago Bears at the White
3 House to celebrate their 1985 Super Bowl victory; he hosted the
4 Chicago Cubs at the White House to celebrate their 2016 World
5 Series Championship as one of his last official acts as
6 President; and

7 WHEREAS, The Barack Obama Presidential Center will be
8 hosted by the University of Chicago and will be located in
9 Jackson Park on the South Side of Chicago; once completed it
10 will become the 14th site in the National Archives and Records
11 Administration presidential library system; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 declare August 4, 2017 and August 4, 2018 as "President Barack
15 Obama Day" in honor of the 44th President of the United States
16 of America and in recognition of his historic and
17 transformative presidency; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to President Obama as a symbol of our respect and
20 esteem.