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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 2017 celebration of India
4 Independence Day in Oak Brook; and

5 WHEREAS, Independence Day is celebrated annually in India
6 as a national holiday, commemorating the nation's independence
7 from the United Kingdom in 1947; it is one of three national
8 holidays in India along with Republic Day and Mahatma Gandhi's
9 birthday; and

10 WHEREAS, India attained independence following the
11 Independence Movement, noted for its largely nonviolent
12 resistance and civil disobedience led by the Indian National
13 Congress; and

14 WHEREAS, Today we honor the sacrifices made by many to
15 achieve independence, and gather to celebrate the Indian
16 culture and the Indian community; and

17 WHEREAS, The Indian diaspora celebrates Independence Day
18 around the world, particularly in regions with high
19 concentrations of Indian immigrants; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
2 recognize the 2017 celebration of India Independence Day in Oak
3 Brook and send our best wishes for a memorable celebration on
4 the 71st anniversary of India's independence.