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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives wish to congratulate and thank the organizers 4 of Festa Italiana for their dedication in honoring and 5 recognizing Italian culture; and

6 WHEREAS, The Greater Rockford Italian American Association 7 promotes the Italian culture, sponsors social events and 8 activities, and performs works of charity and philanthropy 9 benefitting the local Italian-American community; and

10 WHEREAS, The association's 2018 Festa Italiana marks the 11 40th year of the annual celebration in Rockford; and

12 WHEREAS, The festival will feature Italian food,13 entertainment, cultural exhibits, and more for all ages; and

14 WHEREAS, Festa Italiana honors and recognizes the 15 contributions of the thousands of Italians that have lived in 16 Rockford and Illinois; and

17 WHEREAS, The festival is the largest contributor to the 18 Greater Rockford Italian American Association's scholarship 19 fund, which has awarded over \$700,000 in scholarships to local 20 students and supports youth welfare activities; and 1 WHEREAS, Festa Italiana is the result of the hard work and 2 dedication of over 100 chair people and countless volunteers; 3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE 5 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 6 congratulate and thank the organizers of Festa Italiana for 7 their dedication in honoring and recognizing Italian culture; 8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be 10 presented to the Greater Rockford Italian American Association 11 as an expression of our esteem and respect.