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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, On February 6, 1928, the "International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union of America" chartered the Local 751 Laborers' Union in Kankakee; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The Laborers' Union was started and built by 6 immigrants and minorities; today, they continue to be the 7 fastest growing segment of the Union's membership; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In 1965, the Laborers' Union officially changed 9 its name to the "Laborers' International Union of North 10 America" to better reflect the continual expansion of the union 11 beyond the construction field; and
- WHEREAS, For 80 years, Laborers' Local 751 has played a vital role in building the City of Kankakee by constructing highways, bridges, tunnels, dams, power plants, factories, office buildings, schools, churches, hospitals, houses, and apartment buildings; and
- WHEREAS, Laborers' Local 751 is an extraordinary union whose leadership has worked hard for 80 years to protect its members' health and safety, to provide laborers a strong voice in the workplace and extensive skill training designed to empower its members to reach their potential, and, perhaps most

1 important, to ensure the dignity, respect, and security of

- 2 laborers in the workplace; therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 5 congratulate the members and officers of the Laborers' Local
- 6 751 for its many achievements over the last 80 years, for the
- 7 strength of its membership, and for enhancing the standard of
- 8 living and work environments for future laborers; and be it
- 9 further
- 10 RESOLVED, That we designate February 6, 2008 as Laborers'
- 11 Local 751 Day in the State of Illinois in recognition of the 80
- 12 years of service provided by this extraordinary union; and be
- 13 it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- presented to a representative of Laborers' Local 751 as a
- symbol of our esteem and respect.