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## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Illinois WHEREAS, The members of the House of 3 Representatives are pleased to honor the organizers 4 participants of the Gathering of Elizabeths for recognizing the 5 importance of the many people named Elizabeth throughout the 6 State, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Elizabeth was named after three women, each named Elizabeth, who helped defend the Apple River Fort from a raid by the legendary warrior Black Hawk and 200 of his best warriors; the Village of Elizabeth now occupies the land on which the fort was built; the Apple River Fort is now an Illinois State Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, On June 28, 2008 in Elizabeth, Illinois, the organizers of the Gathering of Elizabeths will bring together the most women and girls with the first or middle name of Elizabeth in one location at one time in world history; the event was put together in order to celebrate the community's heritage of brave and courageous women with the name of Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, This body wishes to express its implicit support for this grand showing of solidarity and support for the great women named Elizabeth and the great things that they have done

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- 1 for mankind; therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 3 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we 4 honor the organizers and participants of the Gathering of
- 5 Elizabeths for recognizing the importance of the many people
- 6 named Elizabeth and wish them great success during their event;
- 7 and be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 9 presented to the organizers of the Gathering of Elizabeths as a
- 10 symbol of our esteem and respect.