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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the 70th anniversary of
4 Argonne National Laboratory; and

5 WHEREAS, Argonne's beginnings can be traced to Enrico Fermi
6 and the attempt to create the world's first self-sustaining
7 nuclear reaction - the Manhattan Project; because the
8 experiments were deemed too dangerous to conduct in a major
9 city, the operations were moved to a spot in nearby Palos Hills
10 and renamed "Argonne" after the surrounding forest; and

11 WHEREAS, The laboratory was chartered as Argonne National
12 Laboratory on July 1, 1946; at the request of the United States
13 Atomic Energy Commission, it began developing nuclear reactors
14 for the nation's peaceful nuclear energy program; in the late
15 1940s and early 1950s, the laboratory moved to a larger
16 location in Lemont and established a remote location in Idaho,
17 called "Argonne-West", to conduct further nuclear research;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Argonne's workforce consists of 3,298 employees,
20 1,623 scientists and engineers, 315 postdoctoral scholars, 457
21 graduate and undergraduate students, 248 joint faculty, and
22 over 7,186 facility users; and

1 WHEREAS, Argonne is a multidisciplinary science and
2 engineering research center, where "dream teams" of
3 world-class researchers work alongside experts from industry,
4 academia, and other government laboratories to address vital
5 national challenges in clean energy, environment, technology,
6 and national security; and

7 WHEREAS, Argonne leverages its Chicago-area location to
8 lead discovery and to power innovation in a wide range of core
9 scientific capabilities, from high-energy physics, and
10 materials science to structural biology and advanced computer
11 science; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 recognize the 70th anniversary of Argonne National Laboratory
15 and we wish it many more successful years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to Argonne National Laboratory as an expression of
18 our esteem and respect.