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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, March has served as Women's History Month since  
3 1987, and women of all races and ethnicities continue to  
4 impact and influence not only their families but also the next  
5 generation of leaders; and

6           WHEREAS, Latina women have made an impressive impact on  
7 the State of Illinois and are a driving force behind Illinois'  
8 economic growth; they now compose the largest group of women  
9 workers in the U.S., behind non-Hispanic Caucasian women;  
10 currently numbering over 14 million, they account for 17% of  
11 the female labor force and are projected to rapidly continue  
12 growing; and

13           WHEREAS, The Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus (ILLC),  
14 established in 2002, has diligently worked to preserve and  
15 protect Latina heritage while supporting Latina women in  
16 legislative leadership positions in the Illinois Senate and  
17 House of Representatives; and

18           WHEREAS, Designed to increase federal, state, and  
19 municipal resources that benefit Illinois Latinos, the ILLC  
20 has been vigilant in making sure members of their community  
21 have the proper necessities to become successful and create a  
22 legacy of which generations to come will be proud; and

1           WHEREAS, The ILLC blazes a path for women in leadership to  
2 continue striving for greatness while making unprecedented  
3 decisions that improve the quality of life for Black and Brown  
4 communities; and

5           WHEREAS, The ILLC has become the voice for Latino  
6 communities in Illinois seeking change and equality and will  
7 continue preserving the history of its people; and

8           WHEREAS, Establishing Latina Heritage Day in Illinois  
9 provides a dedicated time to celebrate and recognize the  
10 cultural and historical contributions of Latinas, as well as  
11 raise awareness of the challenges they continue to face; and

12           WHEREAS, Latina Heritage Day will serve as an opportunity  
13 to uplift the voices and achievements of Latinas, promote  
14 civic engagement, and inspire future generations to continue  
15 the legacy of leadership and advocacy; therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
17 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
18 we declare March 15, 2025 as Latina Heritage Day in the State  
19 of Illinois; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus (ILLC) as  
2 a symbol of our esteem and respect.