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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to join Albanian-Americans across the
4 State of Illinois in recognizing and honoring February 17,
5 2008 as the date on which the Republic of Kosova declared its
6 independence; and

7 WHEREAS, On that historic day, with an unyielding
8 commitment to the principles of freedom, sovereignty, and
9 self-determination, the Republic of Kosova formally proclaimed
10 its independence in Prishtina, marking a transformative moment
11 in its history and establishing itself as a free and sovereign
12 nation; and

13 WHEREAS, As the youngest country in Europe, the Republic
14 of Kosova has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to
15 democratic governance, the protection of human rights, and the
16 rule of law;; and

17 WHEREAS, The enduring relationship between the United
18 States and the Republic of Kosova is grounded in shared values
19 of freedom and democracy, with the United States having played
20 a pivotal role in supporting Kosova's path toward peace,
21 freedom, and independence; and

1 WHEREAS, The Albanian-American community in Illinois has
2 made lasting contributions to the cultural, economic, and
3 civic life of the State, enriching its communities while
4 preserving and sharing a proud cultural heritage; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2026, the people of Kosova are commemorating
6 the 18th anniversary of their independence, honoring the
7 resilience, sacrifices, and aspirations that have shaped their
8 nation; and

9 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the growing
10 partnerships and people-to-people ties between the United
11 States and the Republic of Kosova as well as the important role
12 of the Kosovar and Albanian diaspora in fostering mutual
13 understanding and cooperation; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we recognize and honor February 17, 2026 as the 18th
17 anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Kosova; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to the people of
20 the Republic of Kosova and express our appreciation to the
21 Albanian-American community for its contributions to the
22 strength, diversity, and prosperity of the State of Illinois.