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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Emmett Till was born in Chicago on July 25, 1941;  
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4 WHEREAS, In August 1955, at the age of 14, Emmett Till was  
5 brutally abducted, tortured, and lynched in Mississippi after  
6 being accused of interacting with a white women, an event that  
7 shocked the conscience of the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Emmett Till's mother, Mamie Till-Mobley,  
9 courageously insisted on an open-casket funeral to expose the  
10 brutality of her son's murder, galvanizing national and  
11 international outrage; and

12 WHEREAS, The acquittal of Emmett Till's killers by an  
13 all-white jury highlighted the pervasive racial injustices of  
14 the time and served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights  
15 Movement; and

16 WHEREAS, Emmett Till's tragic death and his mother's  
17 activism have left an indelible mark on American history,  
18 inspiring generations to fight against racial injustice;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare July 25,  
3 2025 as Emmett Till Day in the State of Illinois to recognize  
4 the life and legacy of Emmett Till and recognize the  
5 historical significance of his death in the struggle for civil  
6 rights in the United States.