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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to recognize and remember Frank Lloyd Wright, an American
4 architect, interior designer, writer, and educator who
5 designed over 1,000 structures, on his 150th birthday; and

6 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright was born Frank Lincoln Wright
7 in Richland Center, Wisconsin to William Carey Wright and Anna
8 Lloyd Jones on June 8, 1867; he passed away in Phoenix, Arizona
9 on April 9, 1959; and

10 WHEREAS, When Frank Lloyd Wright was 14 his parents
11 separated; in 1885, the divorce was finalized and he changed
12 his middle name of Lincoln to Lloyd after his mother's side of
13 the family; and

14 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright attended Madison High School,
15 but never received a degree; he was admitted to the University
16 of Wisconsin-Madison as a special student in 1886; he took
17 classes part-time for two semesters and worked with a professor
18 of civil engineering; he left school without a degree, but was
19 granted an honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from the University
20 in 1955; and

21 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright moved to Chicago to seek an

1 apprenticeship with the firm of Adler & Sullivan; after two
2 short interviews he became an official apprentice with the
3 firm; and

4 WHEREAS, On June 1, 1889, Frank Lloyd Wright married his
5 first wife, Catherine "Kitty" Lee (Tobin) Wright; he received a
6 loan of \$5,000 from Louis Sullivan and built his first home in
7 Oak Park; he later married Maude "Miriam" Noel Wright and then
8 Olgivanna Lloyd Wright; and

9 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright went on to have his own
10 practice in the Schiller Building on Randolph Street in Chicago
11 and took on many projects in the Chicago area; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright won the "Royal Gold Medal" in
13 1941 and the "AIA Gold Medal" in 1949; over the years, many of
14 his structures have also received the "Twenty-five Year Award",
15 which showcases buildings that set a precedent; and

16 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright was known for his unique vision
17 for urban planning in the United States, including Illinois;
18 his creative period spanned over 70 years; in addition to
19 houses, he also designed offices, churches, schools, hotels,
20 museums, and other structures; there are 13 Frank Lloyd Wright
21 properties that are open to the public in Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, Frank Lloyd Wright has many properties open to the
2 public, including the Dana-Thomas house in Springfield, the B.
3 Harley Bradley House in Kankakee, the Kenneth Laurent House in
4 Rockford, his home and studio, Unity Temple in Oak Park, the
5 Pettit Memorial Chapel in Belvidere, the Frank L Smith Bank in
6 Dwight, the Muirhead Farmhouse in Hampshire, and the Fabyan
7 Villa in Geneva; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
10 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Frank Lloyd Wright
11 properties that are open to the public in Illinois as part of
12 the Frank Lloyd Wright Trail.