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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Juneteenth recognizes the abolition of slavery in
3 the United States and its territories in 1865; and

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WHEREAS, President Lincoln enacted the Emancipation
5 Proclamation on January 1, 1863, freeing slaves throughout the
6 south, but it was not until June 19, 1865, over two years later
7 and over two months after General Robert E. Lee's surrender at
8 Appomattox Court House, that slaves in Galveston, Texas
9 received the news, making it the official end of slavery; and

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WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom from
11 bondage and oppression; and

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WHEREAS, Springfield's Juneteenth celebration begins on
13 June 17, 2021 with the Levitt AMP Concert on the Y-block; on
14 June 18, Juneteenth, Inc. will partner with the Illinois State
15 Museum for a special art exhibit centered on Juneteenth titled
16 Noir; a patio party at the museum and a rally at the Capitol
17 will also be held that day; the Juneteenth Unity Parade and a
18 festival at Comer Cox Park will be held June 19; the four-day
19 celebration concludes with Fitness in the Park and an Outdoor
20 Revival; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we recognize the City of Springfield's Juneteenth celebration
3 as a time to reflect and to commemorate the end of slavery; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
6 presented to the City of Springfield and Juneteenth, Inc. as a
7 symbol of our respect and esteem.