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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

4 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

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

12 WHEREAS, The African-American Cultural & Genealogical
13 Society, in Partnership with the City of Decatur Human
14 Relations Commission, will be holding its 27th Juneteenth
15 celebration on Saturday, June 19, 2021 in downtown Decatur,
16 which will include a wreath ceremony, Freedom Day Walk, and a
17 variety of festivities, including giveaways, vendors, food,
18 entertainment, fun, and culture; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we recognize the City of Decatur's Juneteenth celebration as a

1 time to reflect and to commemorate the end of slavery; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 presented to the City of Decatur and the African-American
5 Cultural & Genealogical Society of Illinois, Inc. as a symbol
6 of our respect and esteem.