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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The first day of April is celebrated annually as
3 the Assyrian New Year, also known as Kha b'Nissan or Akitu; and

4 WHEREAS, The Assyrian New Year is not only the first day of
5 the new year but also marks the start of spring and serves as a
6 symbol of revival; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Assyrian Policy Institute,
8 Illinois is home to more than 80,000 Assyrian Americans; and

9 WHEREAS, The Assyrian New Year serves to remind the State
10 of Illinois of the many substantial contributions the Assyrian
11 community has made to Illinois and the social fabric of our
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, In their various countries of origin, including
14 Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and Iran, governing authorities
15 historically infringed on the cultural and linguistic rights
16 of Assyrians and prohibited public celebrations of the
17 Assyrian New Year; and

18 WHEREAS, It is imperative that members of the Assyrian
19 community across the globe feel seen, valued, and encouraged
20 to celebrate and preserve their cultural heritage; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we recognize the cultural importance and history surrounding
5 the observance of the Assyrian New Year for Assyrian
6 Americans; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we join the Assyrian-American community
8 across Illinois in celebrating the Assyrian New Year and wish
9 all who observe this holiday a healthy and prosperous new
10 year; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation for the
12 vibrancy, tenacity, and contributions of the Assyrian-American
13 community.