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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Many people enjoy learning about history, and the
3 recognition, or study, of the past allows students of all
4 ages, young and old, the opportunity to learn and grow; and

5 WHEREAS, History offers many important insights into the
6 present and the possible future; by learning and understanding
7 the successes and failures of the past, the groundwork for a
8 brighter future ahead is laid; it is important to encourage
9 history education due to its instillment of civic duties and
10 qualities that good citizenship requires; and

11 WHEREAS, Connections to the past help build empathic
12 connections to the present and the future, aid in the
13 acquisition of research, writing, and analytical skills that
14 are beneficial in any career field, and offer greater insight
15 into local, state, national, and global affairs; and

16 WHEREAS, History comes in many forms, including diaries
17 and journals, audio and visual recordings, and pop culture,
18 which assist in ensuring the current generation's legacy is
19 passed down to future generations; it is important to honor
20 the legacies our ancestors left for us, for better or worse, as
21 we hope that our descendants will honor us; and

1 WHEREAS, National History Day is a nonprofit education
2 organization improving the teaching and learning of history;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, National History Day reaches more than half a
5 million students and tens of thousands of teachers each year
6 through its international student history contest and its wide
7 range of professional development programs for teachers,
8 curriculum tools, and other educational activities; and

9 WHEREAS, National History Day's core program is its
10 competition in which students in grades 6 through 12 choose a
11 historical topic that they then explore deeply by conducting
12 extensive research in libraries, archives, and museums before
13 presenting their conclusions and evidence through papers,
14 exhibits, performances, documentaries, or websites, moving
15 through a series of contest levels where they are evaluated by
16 professional historians and educators; and

17 WHEREAS, The knowledge of history is the birthright of all
18 individuals from every walk of life, and the study of history
19 allows us to learn and grow from the past in order to advance
20 towards a brighter, happier, and more peaceful future where we
21 can live life to the fullest; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare June 15, 2024 as
3 History Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That we recognize all those who volunteer at
5 historical societies in Illinois for all they do to preserve
6 and spread our history; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to the National History Day organization as a symbol
9 of our respect and esteem.