

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Cuba was a colony of Spain; in 1895, the Cubans
3 began the war to obtain independence; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1898, after the USS Maine was destroyed, the
5 United States declared war on Spain, which ended in Spanish
6 defeat; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States stayed in Cuba until 1902
8 helping Cubans with the establishment of the first free
9 government; on May 20, 1902, the Cuban flag was hoisted for
10 the first time, and the independence of Cuba was declared;
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we name May 20, 2003 as Cuban Independence Day in the State
15 of Illinois.