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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois is a world-class public
3 research university system that belongs to the people of
4 Illinois; it is one of the original 37 public land-grant
5 institutions; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the past 150 years, the three University of
7 Illinois institutions in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and
8 Springfield have graduated almost 900,000 men and women; and

9 WHEREAS, University of Illinois alumni, benefiting from
10 their transformative learning experiences in and out of the
11 classroom, have traversed the nation and the world to make
12 significant societal impacts; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois has played a
14 transformational role in the economic development of this State
15 through innovations in engineering, the sciences, medicine,
16 humanities, business, law, the social sciences, arts, media,
17 and much more, transforming the nation and the entire world;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, As the premier educator in the State, with a
20 brilliant legacy, the University of Illinois attracts
21 world-class faculty and students from across Illinois, across

1 the nation, and across the globe; and

2 WHEREAS, The University of Illinois serves society by
3 creating and disseminating knowledge, putting it to work with
4 excellence; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
7 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare February 28, 2017 as
8 "University of Illinois Day" in the State of Illinois, and we
9 urge the citizens of Illinois to celebrate the Sesquicentennial
10 anniversary of the leading institution of higher learning in
11 the State; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
14 Chancellor Robert Jones, Champaign Mayor Deborah Frank Feinen,
15 and Urbana Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing.