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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The future of our nation's productivity and
3 competitiveness in the global marketplace depends on the
4 success of all men and women; and

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WHEREAS, Women have been discriminated against in
6 education, the workplace, and society as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, Women continue to earn no more than 80 cents on
8 the dollar compared to men; and

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WHEREAS, The wage gap is even greater for most women of
color; African American women earn 63 cents and Latina women
earn 54 cents for every dollar earned by a man; and

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WHEREAS, The pay gap has been shown to start as soon as one
year after college; this inequality affects not only women, but
their families and society as a whole; and

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WHEREAS, The pay gap between women and men has long-term
effects on women's economic security; such a gap affects
women's Social Security earnings, their ability to save for
retirement, and their children's education; and

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WHEREAS, Pay equity is closely linked to the eradication of

1 poverty and is essential to having a highly-motivated
2 workforce; and

3 WHEREAS, Equal Pay Day was originated by the National
4 Committee on Pay Equity in 1996 as a public awareness event to
5 illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages; the day,
6 observed in April, symbolizes how far into the year a woman
7 must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned the
8 previous year, with Tuesday being the day in which women's
9 wages catch up to men's wages from the previous week; because
10 women earn less on average than men, they must work longer for
11 the same amount of pay; this wage gap is even greater for most
12 women of color; and

13 WHEREAS, Equal pay is a priority for all women and for our
14 society at large; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
17 designate April 4, 2017 as Pay Equity Day in the State of
18 Illinois in order to raise awareness about this endemic
19 inequity.