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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The United States of America will commemorate its
3 250th anniversary with America250, a national celebration
4 honoring the founding of our nation and the enduring legacy of
5 freedom and democracy; and

6 WHEREAS, The Coca-Cola Company, founded in the late 19th
7 century, has grown to become an iconic American brand,
8 symbolizing innovation, unity, and the spirit of our country;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The Coca-Cola System has demonstrated unwavering
11 support for America250, helping to promote national pride and
12 the shared values that unite citizens across Illinois and the
13 nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Coca-Cola beverages have played a significant
15 role in American culture, society, and industry, and the
16 Coca-Cola System enriches our communities through economic
17 investment, philanthropy, and a commitment to service; and

18 WHEREAS, The Illinois Coca-Cola bottlers, including
19 Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling, Coca-Cola Consolidated, Heartland
20 Coca-Cola Bottling Company, and Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling, have
21 contributed to local communities throughout Illinois,

1 including job creation, support for local initiatives, and
2 engagement in historic celebrations that foster a sense of
3 belonging and purpose; and

4 WHEREAS, Illinois' legacy with Coca-Cola dates back to the
5 early 1900s when the first bottling operations began, making
6 the State of Illinois an important hub in the growth of
7 Coca-Cola's nationwide distribution network, which includes \$4
8 billion in economic activity and over 40,000 jobs supported in
9 the State of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, The enduring presence of Coca-Cola in American
11 life reflects a tradition of excellence and an ongoing
12 dedication to the well-being of its citizens; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize The Coca-Cola
16 Company and the Illinois Coca-Cola bottlers for their generous
17 support of America²⁵⁰ and their historic and positive impact
18 on Illinois and the United States, and we extend our gratitude
19 for their continued commitment to building a brighter future
20 for all Americans; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to The Coca-Cola Company and the Coca-Cola bottlers

1 in Illinois as a token of our esteem and appreciation.