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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On October 24, 1945, the United Nations (UN) was
3 formed following World War II, the most devastating armed
4 conflict in human history, succeeding the League of Nations,
5 which was widely recognized as a failed intergovernmental
6 organization; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the UN has operated with the
8 goal of preventing future world wars, consisting of a group of
9 independent countries that have voluntarily joined together to
10 work towards world peace and economic and social progress; and

11 WHEREAS, The UN's mission to preserve world peace was
12 initially complicated, largely due in part to Cold War
13 tensions between the United States and the USSR, leading it to
14 enlist the help of unarmed military observers and lightly
15 armed peacekeepers primarily tasked with monitoring; by the
16 1970s, the organization's budget for economic and social
17 development programs largely exceeded its spending on
18 peacekeeping, and after the fall of the USSR in 1991, it
19 expanded its field operations, undertaking a wide variety of
20 complex tasks; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the years, the UN has depended on the
22 support and leadership of the United States to successfully

1 achieve its goals and objectives; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the UN is the foremost global organization
3 striving for women's rights and the advancement of women as
4 well as the health and development of communities around the
5 world; and

6 WHEREAS, The UN's largest nongovernmental organization
7 (NGO) is Zonta International, which promotes the advancement
8 of the status of women internationally, nationally, and
9 locally through building better lives for women and girls
10 around the world; the Zonta Club of Kankakee, led by President
11 Amy LaFine, cares for women and girls in its community by
12 providing food for the local unhoused community and donating a
13 Christmas tree to the county museum; and

14 WHEREAS, The UN General Assembly has celebrated United
15 Nations Day since establishing the day in 1947, later
16 recognizing it as an international holiday in 1971; the day is
17 celebrated with meetings, discussions, exhibits, and cultural
18 performances as people come together in cities around the
19 world to promote global unity and international cooperation,
20 raise awareness of the UN's goals and aspirations, promote
21 global support for the UN's missions, celebrate the UN's
22 achievements, and recognize the UN's work in achieving peace,
23 human rights, and sustainable development; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
2 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we declare October 24, 2025 as United Nations Day in the State
4 of Illinois to honor the United Nations (UN) for the positive
5 impact it has had on the global community; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
7 presented to the United Nations and President Amy LaFine of
8 the Zonta Club of Kankakee as a symbol of our respect and
9 esteem.