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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Assyrian people, a Semitic community who also identify as Chaldeans and Syriacs, are the indigenous people of Mesopotamia who possess a history dating back to ancient times in what is now modern-day Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and Iran; and

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WHEREAS, The Assyrian people have faced systematic persecution in their ancestral homeland, including the Assyrian Genocide of 1915, which claimed the lives of hundreds of thousands, and the Semele Massacre of 1933, where thousands were killed by the Iraqi army; and

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WHEREAS, The Assyrian community in the United States numbers nearly half a million and includes approximately 100,000 individuals residing in Illinois, comprising the largest concentration in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, The Assyrian community has shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends while also serving as model citizens and public servants; and

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WHEREAS, The Assyrian people have made significant contributions to Illinois and the United States through their achievements in the arts, business, media, law, politics,

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1 education, medicine, architecture, and engineering, enriching
2 the cultural and economic fabric of our State; and

3 WHEREAS, The Assyrian New Year, known in ancient times as
4 Akitu, is celebrated on April 1 to mark the arrival of spring
5 and symbolizes rebirth, renewal, and the enduring spirit of
6 the Assyrian people; and

7 WHEREAS, The Chicago Assyrian community will proudly
8 commemorate Assyrian New Year 6775 with a vibrant parade on
9 Honorary King Sargon Boulevard, along a stretch of Western
10 Avenue, on April 6, 2025; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we declare April 2025 as Assyrian American Heritage Month in
14 the State of Illinois in celebration of the Assyrian American
15 community; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we recognize the resilience, culture, and
17 contributions of the Assyrian people as we join them in
18 celebrating their rich heritage and the dawn of Assyrian New
19 Year 6775; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the Assyrian American National Federation as a

1 symbol of our respect and esteem.