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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Pope Leo XIV on being
4 elected the first American pope in the 2,000-year history of
5 the Catholic Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV, formerly Cardinal Robert Prevost,
7 was born to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martínez at
8 Chicago's Mercy Hospital in 1955; he has two brothers, Louis
9 Martín and John Joseph; and

10 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV graduated from Villanova University
11 in Pennsylvania with a degree in mathematics and then studied
12 theology at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago; and

13 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV was sent to Rome to study Canon Law
14 at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas
15 (Angelicum) at the age of 27 and was ordained as a priest in
16 1982; and

17 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV then went to work as a missionary in
18 Peru; he returned to the U.S. for a few years and then returned
19 to Peru, where he ran an Augustinian seminary in Trujillo; and

20 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV was appointed apostolic

1 administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru in 2014 by
2 Pope Francis, and one year later, he became a bishop; and

3 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV became a cardinal in 2023, and on
4 February 6, 2025, he was promoted to his most recent position
5 with the Order of Bishops; and

6 WHEREAS, Pope Leo XIV's first words as pope were, "Peace
7 be with you."; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
9 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate Pope Leo XIV on being elected the first
11 American pope in the 2,000-year history of the Catholic
12 Church.