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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Italian American community has played a vital
3 role in shaping the cultural, social, and economic fabric of
4 the City of Rockford; and

5 WHEREAS, Festa Italiana, held annually in Rockford and now
6 in its 46th year, is a beloved cultural celebration that
7 honors the rich heritage, traditions, and contributions of
8 Italian Americans in the region; and

9 WHEREAS, Festa Italiana serves as a unifying event for the
10 Rockford community, drawing residents and visitors alike to
11 enjoy traditional Italian food, music, art, and entertainment;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Festa Italiana fosters cross-cultural
14 understanding and pride in heritage while supporting local
15 businesses, artisans, and performers; and

16 WHEREAS, Festa Italiana is organized with dedication by
17 committed volunteers and organizations, including the Greater
18 Rockford Italian American Association (GRIAA), whose efforts
19 keep traditions alive and enrich community spirit; and

20 WHEREAS, The proceeds from Festa Italiana are used to

1 support scholarships, charitable causes, and educational
2 programs that benefit both the Italian American community and
3 the broader Rockford area; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we recognize Festa Italiana as an important cultural event in
7 the City of Rockford, and we express our gratitude to all who
8 make this festival possible each year; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we celebrate the continued legacy of
10 Italian American heritage in Rockford, and we encourage all
11 residents to take part in the festivities, honoring the
12 traditions and values that unite the community.