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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

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

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

12 WHEREAS, The Assyrian community in the United States
13 numbers nearly half a million and includes approximately
14 100,000 individuals residing in Illinois, comprising the
15 largest concentration in the nation; and

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

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

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

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1 symbol of our respect and esteem.