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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Sisters of the Resurrection were originally  
3 founded by four Polish women in Rome, Italy in 1981; they  
4 arrived in Chicago in 1900, where the Sisters dedicated  
5 themselves to serving all who were in need, wherever they were  
6 to be found, especially in Northwest Chicago; and

7 WHEREAS, Led by faith, Sister Ann Strzelecka purchased land  
8 in 1912; it is now home to both Resurrection High School and  
9 Resurrection Medical Center; and

10 WHEREAS, In the decades to come, the Sisters of the  
11 Resurrection provided extraordinary outreach, education,  
12 medical care, and a steadfast, supportive presence to the  
13 vulnerable communities throughout the neighborhoods in  
14 Northwest Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, The Sisters of the Resurrection highlight and  
16 model for others what it means to give one's self to a life of  
17 service; in their daily life of prayer, community work, and  
18 ongoing education, the Sisters also give witness to a life of  
19 servant leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, Continuing the tradition of their founding Polish  
21 pioneers, the Sisters model selflessness, generosity, and

1 community values; these faith-filled Catholic women continue  
2 to inspire others to answer the call of serving others; their  
3 focus on listening and responding to the needs of their  
4 communities continues to inspire others to enter care-giving  
5 professions, especially healthcare and education; and

6 WHEREAS, Many of the Sisters of the Resurrection continue  
7 to live in the community of Northwest Chicago and support  
8 community efforts in their daily work and prophetic witness;  
9 their support of the recent restoration of the chapel at  
10 Resurrection Medical Center will provide a space for  
11 reflection, prayer, and peace for generations to come; and

12 WHEREAS, The Sisters of the Resurrection health care  
13 ministry has brought healing and hope to thousands of their  
14 neighbors, with the Sisters persevering and overcoming  
15 adversity with tremendous faith, leadership and tenacity in  
16 order to provide care and dignity to all those in need;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
19 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
20 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare April 22, 2019  
21 Sisters of Resurrection Day in Illinois to honor their legacy,  
22 mission, and commitment to providing critical healthcare and  
23 high-quality education to the vulnerable populations in

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1 Chicago for 119 years.