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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize the late Honorable Jacob L.
4 Oulanyah, the former Speaker of the 11th Parliament of Uganda,
5 who passed away in March 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Jacob Oulanyah made history in 2017 when he led
7 the largest delegation out of Uganda at one time to attend the
8 RESET America - RESET Africa conference organized by the
9 Global Impact Leadership Alliance (GILA), which was founded by
10 CEO Larita Rice-Barnes, Senior Pastor of Empowerment of
11 Grace-USA and Empowerment of Grace-Uganda and the wife of
12 Juard M. Barnes, the chief consultant for GILA and a principle
13 of The Rehoboth Project; and

14 WHEREAS, Jacob Oulanyah was a champion of connecting
15 Africa to America; he was a proud supporter of the work of
16 Empowerment Of Grace and GILA, which was founded in St. Louis
17 and has expanded to working in Illinois and Indiana; GILA is
18 committed to meet the extensive needs of the ever-changing
19 world through its resources and relationships formed on a
20 global level and currently touches the four continents of
21 North America, South America, Africa, and Asia; and

22 WHEREAS, Jacob Oulanyah was elected to the Parliament of

1 Uganda to represent the people of Omoro County in the Gulu
2 District of Northern Uganda; before he was elected deputy
3 speaker, he practiced law under J. L. Oulanyah & Attorneys; he
4 possessed specialized training in legal and legislative
5 drafting and had experience in drafting laws and agreements,
6 including peace agreements; he also taught legislative
7 drafting and constitutional law to postgraduate law students
8 at the Law Development Centre; and

9 WHEREAS, GILA has strategically identified key leaders
10 from across the globe who are skilled in their craft and have a
11 passion to lead, train, and develop other world-class leaders
12 through foreign exchange and the use of its resources and
13 global relationships; the organization identified the Hon.
14 Oulanyah as one of those leaders; and

15 WHEREAS, GILA brings together heads of state, key policy
16 makers, civic leaders, mayors, senators, house
17 representatives, key personnel, business and organization
18 owners, everyday citizens, stakeholders, and many more,
19 providing a platform for cultural, education, and economic
20 exchange; and

21 WHEREAS, GILA convened its sixth RESET America - RESET
22 Africa Conference under the theme Time is Now: "Finishing What
23 We Started: Securing Our Future, Establishing A Legacy" at

1 Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis, Missouri from
2 November 16 to November 19, 2022; the event was hosted by
3 President LaTonia Collins Smith, Ed.D., the university's 21st
4 president; and

5 WHEREAS, GILA's sixth annual RESET America - RESET Africa
6 conference included a delegation from the Parliament of
7 Uganda, which was led by the Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, Deputy
8 Speaker of the 11th Parliament of Uganda; and

9 WHEREAS, During the conference, a memorial tribute to the
10 late Hon. Jacob L. Oulanyah was held; his son, the Hon. Andrew
11 Oulanyah, traveled from Uganda to attend; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
14 we recognize the late Honorable Jacob L. Oulanyah for his
15 service and leadership; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we congratulate Global Impact Leadership
17 Alliance (GILA) and its founder and CEO, Larita Rice-Barnes,
18 for her remarkable success in organizing these global efforts,
19 which will serve as a gateway for building international
20 relationships and promote solidarity, economic development,
21 and leadership; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
2 presented to Pastor Larita Rice-Barnes and the Hon. Andrew
3 Oulanyah as an expression of our esteem and respect.