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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The year 2021 marks 104 years since the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, which ushered in an era of communism that would result in violence and oppression experienced throughout a union of multiple national Soviet republics; and

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WHEREAS, A National Day for the Victims of Communism was declared on November 7, 2017, with the belief that communism, historically, is incompatible with the western ideological beliefs of liberty, prosperity, and the dignity of human life; and

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WHEREAS, Historical records show that protestors and citizens who decried the communist political ideology were often persecuted as political prisoners, and others were killed in widespread state-sponsored purges; and

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WHEREAS, Rampant impoverishment, widespread famines, epidemics, forced population removals, Gulag internments, labor colonies, and labor camps across over 40 nations all contributed to a death toll of nearly 100 million people who were living under communist states; and

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WHEREAS, The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. is a nonprofit organization, authorized by a

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1 unanimous Act of the United States Congress, that seeks to
2 educate the general public about the ideology, history, and
3 legacy of communism and honors the people who suffered, were
4 killed, and were lost within communist systems; therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare November 7,
8 2021 as Victims of Communism Memorial Day in the State of
9 Illinois; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the Victims of the Communism Memorial Foundation
12 as a symbol of respect and esteem.